

Chapter 3. Goals

Goals are needed for this planning effort to guide the review of the possible floodplain management measures. This Plan needs to ensure that the recommended actions are appropriate for the Village of South Holland. Goals need to reflect community priorities and be consistent with other plans for the Village.

3.1. 1996 Goals

The original 1994 *Floodplain Management Plan* did not have a goals statement. This shortcoming was corrected in 1996 when the Village Board adopted six original goals for the plan:

Whereas, the Village of South Holland has been conducting floodplain management planning since March 1993 and adopted its *Floodplain Management Plan* on May 2, 1994; and

Whereas, during this process our planning goals were implicitly understood by those participating in the process; and

Whereas, it is advisable that the Village's Floodplain Management Planning Goals be explicitly stated to ensure that all participants are in agreement;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of South Holland, that the Village's Floodplain Management Planning Goals shall be as follows:

1. It is the Village's ultimate goal to reduce and prevent flood losses from overbank flooding, sewer backup and local drainage and ponding.
2. The most effective long-range solution to our overbank flooding problem is conversion of the Thornton Quarry to be a flood control reservoir. However, there is no assurance as to when and if it will be built.
3. Therefore, it is the Village's goal to pursue all other feasible means to reduce the damage from overbank flooding. The Village's plan to reach this goal is spelled out in our *Floodplain Management Plan*, May 2, 1994, as amended.
4. Many of the activities spelled out in the *Floodplain Management Plan* require the cooperation of individual property owners. Therefore, it is the Village's goal to provide them with technical assistance for self-help activities, assist them with rebates to help finance the activities, and to involve them in the planning process through representation on the Liaison Committee.
5. It must be noted that the Village has other goals, such as economic development, that may run counter to these floodplain management goals. The Board of Trustees is the ultimate decider as to which goals shall take precedence.
6. Floodplain management planning is a continuing process. The Village's Flood Liaison Committee will continue to meet on a regular basis and review floodplain management activities, assess their effectiveness, and recommend to the Board and Village staff. Improvements to those activities and revisions to the *Plan*.

3.2. 2000 Goals

In 2000, the 1996 goals were replaced by five more specific goals:

1. The threat of major flooding from the Little Calumet River and its tributaries should be reduced by construction of the Thornton Quarry Reservoir.
2. The Village should assist floodprone property owners to protect themselves from minor flood problems, such as local drainage and sewer backup.
3. All Village residents should be aware of the flood hazards they face throughout the community, what the Village is doing about them, and how they can support the Village's efforts to prevent and reduce flood losses.
4. The Village should provide residents with information, early flood warning, technical assistance and, where appropriate, financial assistance so they can be better prepared for all types of flood hazards.
5. The Village should use all of its regulatory authority, powers of persuasion, development programs, and drainage system maintenance efforts to prevent flood, drainage and sewer problems from getting worse.

3.3. 2005 Goals

In 2005, the Flood Liaison Committee determined that the Goals 2000 were still relevant, but the first goal has become outdated because the reservoir had been completed. Accordingly, Goal 1 was replaced by:

1. Floodplain development regulations, flood insurance rules, emergency response planning, and related activities should be based on the actual flood hazard, so official maps should be revised as soon as possible to reflect the flood protection provided by the Thornton Transitional Reservoir.

3.4. 2010 Goals

In 2010, the Flood Liaison Committee adopted the following revised goals statement:

1. Floodplain development regulations, flood insurance rules, emergency response planning, and related activities should be based on the actual flood hazard, so official maps should be revised as soon as possible to reflect the flood protection provided by the Thornton Transitional Reservoir.
2. The Village should assist flood prone property owners to protect themselves from minor flood problems, such as local drainage and sewer backup.
3. All Village residents should be aware of the flood hazards they face throughout the community, what the Village is doing about them, and how they can support the Village's efforts to prevent and reduce flood losses.

4. The Village should provide residents with information, early flood warning, technical assistance and, where appropriate, financial assistance so they can be better prepared for all types of flood hazards.
5. The Village should use all of its regulatory authority, powers of persuasion, development programs, and drainage system maintenance efforts to prevent flood, drainage and sewer problems from getting worse.
6. The Village should remain in the National Flood Insurance Program and improve its class in the Community Rating System.

3.5. 2017 Goals

In 2017, the Flood Liaison Committee determined that the 2010 Goals were still relevant. The first goal, to update the official maps to reflect the flood protection provided by the now complete Thornton Transitional Reservoir, has been achieved, so that goal has been eliminated. Based on review comments provided by MWRDGC during their review of the draft plan, a new goal related to potential grant funding, was created. The 2017 goals are as follows:

1. The Village should look for potential funding opportunities through the FEMA and IEPA grant programs.
2. The Village should continue to assist flood prone property owners to protect themselves from minor flood problems, such as local drainage and sewer backup.
3. All Village residents should be aware of the flood hazards they face throughout the community, what the Village is doing about them, and how they can support the Village's efforts to prevent and reduce flood losses.
4. The Village should provide residents with information, early flood warning, technical assistance and, where appropriate, financial assistance so they can be better prepared for all types of flood hazards.
5. The Village should use all of its regulatory authority, powers of persuasion, development programs, and drainage system maintenance efforts to prevent flood, drainage and sewer problems from getting worse.
6. The Village should remain in the National Flood Insurance Program and work to improve its class in the Community Rating System.