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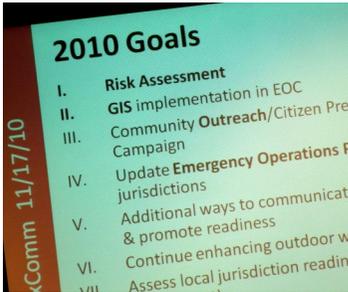
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### Director Outlines Accomplishments, Goals

FCEM&HS Director Michael R. Pannell highlighted the agency's 2010 accomplishments and 2011 goals at the Franklin County Executive Committee Meeting Nov. 17 and the Franklin County Commissioners' annual county budget meeting Nov. 23.

Among several agency achievements this year was completion of a comprehensive update of the Risk Assessment for Franklin County. The work drew the attention of U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials and has already resulted in new risk-based disaster planning countywide. It is part of an ongoing effort to improve county-wide disaster preparedness.

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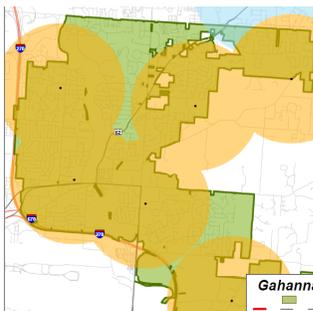
### Public Asked To Help Guide Revisions to Mitigation Plan

The 2007 Franklin County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan will be replaced next year by a newer, updated version, and Franklin County residents are being asked to be a part of the revision process. FCEM&HS is requesting public comment on the 4-year-old county-wide plan to assist the agency in making needed changes for an updated version.

The public may review the plan and make comments online by going to the FCEM&HS Web site at [http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/planning\\_recovery.cfm](http://www.franklincountyohio.gov/emahs/planning_recovery.cfm).



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### Franklin County Geographic Information System (GIS)

FCEM&HS is working with several local agencies to gather data to implement its new countywide geographic information system (GIS) program. GIS data will be used to maintain situational awareness and a common operational picture during an emergency.

GIS will also serve important preparedness functions, including helping keep an up-to-date database of outdoor warning sirens to allow for the effective placement of new sirens in the county. FCEM&HS has collaborated with several other agencies and jurisdictions to develop its GIS function, including MORPC, COTA, the Franklin County Auditor's Office and the City of Columbus.

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### Regional Training and Exercise Program

The new FCEM&HS Regional Training and Exercise Program is now in development with the support of a workgroup consisting of subject matter experts representing ten emergency response disciplines.

The workgroup's accomplishments to date include developing three planning scenarios specific to the region. The scenarios will help define the goals and objectives for the program, ultimately guiding the way we train and exercise to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from a disaster.

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