

MAP Project Highlights

**Where:**

The city of Gackle, N.D.

Problem:

Lack of emergency response plan and vulnerability assessment.

Solution:

MAP staff accessed funding for and completion of a city plan to respond to emergencies and document vulnerabilities.

Assessing security and response capacity

The city of Gackle, N.D., is located in the rural, south-central part of the state; Jamestown is the closest larger city. The city's population is 59 percent low income with a medium income of \$22,875.

The city had no written plan of action in the event of an emergency and no written record documenting vulnerabilities of its infrastructure systems. Midwest Assistance Program was contacted to assist the city to formulate both an Emergency Response Plan and the Vulnerability Assessment. The town's size and budget prevented the funding of this initiative. So MAP helped procure funding, at no cost to the city.

MAP staff met with city officials to gather information on various types of emergencies that the city may encounter. Other necessary information was researched and included in the plans.

When the plans were completed, MAP staff provided them to city officials for review. Once the city approved them, MAP staff provided copies of the plans and created a CD disk containing the information to facilitate ease of updating as events and needs dictate.

MAP helps revitalize small communities and tribal nations in nine states by working with them to find solutions for their infrastructure, enterprise development, aging, technology, or training issues.

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