The NKADD has been awarded a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to prepare a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan.

Mitigation plans form the foundation for a community’s long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. The Participating Jurisdictions (all of those in the NKADD area) in this mitigation planning process will benefit by:

- Identifying cost effective actions for risk reduction;
- Directing resources on the greatest risks and vulnerabilities;
- Building partnerships by involving people, organizations, and businesses;
- Increasing education and awareness of hazards and risk;
- Aligning risk reduction with other community objectives; And
- Providing eligibility to receive federal hazard mitigation grant funding and lower flood insurance rates through the CRS program.

NKADD will act as the Lead Community for the NKADD Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Participating Jurisdictions authorize the Lead Community to manage and facilitate the planning process.

The Participating Jurisdictions are asked to sign a Memorandum of Agreement that outlines the planning scope and process.

The Participating Jurisdictions are also asked to send officials and staff with knowledge of hazards, emergency management, and/or mitigation activities to the Local Planning Mitigation Committee in their county.