

To: GVFD Board of Directors
Fr: Warren Jones, CWPP Project Manager
Re: Briefing materials for August 1 work session
Date: August 1, 2022

The purpose of this memo is to provide briefing materials to help guide and support discussion at the August 1 work session. The CWPP implementation committee (temporary name, a new name may be needed) met on July 27 and refined these materials, as well as discussed expectations for this work session. The committee understands that it may take multiple work sessions or other discussions with the board to reach a strong consensus on specific implementation actions. We also understand that the board cannot make official decisions during a work session but we hope that the board will give input and guidance that we can use to develop specific proposals for board consideration in the future.

The committee has four specific expectations of outcomes from this work session.

- Input and support for the two-track implementation strategy for 2022-2023
- Input on the concept of a resolution to officially begin the program and what should be included in a resolution.
- Input on location of the new program within the district organization
- Support to begin planning major programs for implementation in 2023 that are recommended in the CWPP: ambassador, chipping, roadway mitigation and evacuation drills

Below is a weblink to an evacuation report in Evergreen on their wildfire risk reduction program that's been in place for several years. It provides good information on many of the concepts and programs we're considering.

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/54482d659c0d497eb2bc4ab2250fa078>

CWPP Implementation Tracks for 2022-2023

From Evergreen evaluation study

Go slow to go fast. “While we very clearly understand the sense of immediacy, developing programs without a strategy or without the needed capacity will lead to poor results and ultimately the failure of the program. Take the time to thoughtfully consider program design and give the people in leadership roles the time they need to do just that.”

Strategic

- Formally establish the overall program for the future. Resolution
- Location in district organization
- Funding and grant strategies
- Long-term mitigation plan and priorities
- Engage with HOAs, including roadway and open space mitigation
- Engage with USFS and other organizations on larger mitigation projects such as CPRW and NCFS
- Engage with USFS on mitigation on USFS lands within district
- Develop major programs for implementation in mid-2023, ambassador, chipping, roadway mitigation, evacuation drills
- Future staff needs

Tactical (2022 Firewise and 2023 budget)

- Determine status of Firewise designation
- Improve website and other educational information
- Promote residential defensible space and home hardening
- Training and network opportunities for committee
- Winter special newsletter
- Develop slash strategy/options, maybe seminar in cooperation with DU
- Support current mitigation projects by collaborating organizations, HOAs, ad-hoc groups and residents including support of grant applications
- Recognize on-going mitigation efforts and success stories, demonstration projects
- Identify and plan first major mitigation project for 2023

GLACIER VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022 -

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN

A RESOLUTION establishing a wildfire risk reduction program.

Whereas, the Glacier View Fire Protection District is located within the identified high risk Wildland Urban Interface area as designated by the Larimer County Hazard Mitigation, and

Whereas, the Glacier View Fire Protection District and its residents have suffered significant losses due to wildfires, and

Whereas, the Glacier View Fire Protection District has produced and approved a Community Wildfire Protection Plan in accordance with requirements of the Colorado State Forest Service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GLACIER VIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO:

Section 1: Establish a wildfire risk reduction program under the strategic umbrella of Fire Adapted Communities including maintaining designation as a Firewise Community, and

Section 2: Establish a standing CWPP Implementation Committee with members from the GVFPD membership, community members, representatives of home owner associations and other organized groups within the district to plan and implement actions focusing on prevention, safety & evacuation, resident mitigation, partnerships & community engagement and landscape treatment.

Section 3: Assign a Board member to the CWPP Implementation Committee as liaison to the board, and

Section 4: Establish a finance system under the district budget reflecting revenues and expenditures, and

Section 5: Where in current organization?

CWPP Recommendations (July 2022)

	Responsibility	TimeLine	Current Status	Action Needed
Category: District Capacity and Outreach				
Adopt the Fire Adapted Communities as the overarching vision and strategy for CWPP implementation	GVFD, HOAs, Residents	Short		Board resolution?
Maintain designation as Firewise community	GVFD	Short	July Firewise event	Determine current status and criteria to be met to maintain designation Board resolution?
Volunteer to encourage residents to implement home hardening and defensible space	Residents	Short		
Form volunteer group called CWPP Implementation Committee, or other mutual agreeable name to continue momentum developed by the CWPP	GVFD	Short	Current ad-hoc committee	Determine where committee fits in organization Determine name Create leadership plan Training/network funding Board resolution?
Become a volunteer to inspire fellow residents	Residents	Short		
Improve website, social media, other outreach materials and access to mitigation resources	GVFD	Short	CWPP posted on website, CSFS HIZ information available at FD and GVM offices, HIZ available thru North 40	
Cooperate with adjacent FDs to establish cooperative staff position to increase capacity	GVFD	Long		
Category: Home Ignition Zone				

Engage in annual maintenance of home ignitions zone	Residents	Short		
Use CSFS HIZ as foundation for defensible space and home hardening	HOAs, Residents	Short	HIZ information available thru GVM	
Serve on HOA working teams and support community-wide mitigation	Residents	Short	RFH mitigation committee under RFH road maintenance organization	
Establish defensible space for homes to stand alone without relying on limited firefighting resources	HOAs, Residents	Short	Ad-hoc mitigation group active in GVM, mitigation sub-committee in RFH, informal consulting, individual property work	
Conduct home assessment and recommendations to residents, Ambassador program	GVFD	Mid		
Category: Linked Defensible Space and Fuel Treatments				
Focus initial efforts on mitigating risk in CWPP plan units with extreme risk	GVFD, HOAs, residents, other partners	Short-mid	RFH roadway mitigation, information sharing with CPRW on current NR projects	
Discuss shared risk and encourage neighborhood defensible space, walking tours	HOAs, Residents	Mid		
Use CWPP to identify mitigation projects that improve linked defensible space and create mosaic landscapes	GVFD, HOAs, residents	Mid	Preliminary discussion with CPRW on NR and Wolf projects	

Work together to pool financial and other resources to pursue grants	GVFD, HOAs, residents	Mid-long	Preliminary discussion with CPRW on NR projects, assisted RFH and GVM obtain LC mitigation grants	
Continue collaborating with large landowners and public lands to conduct primary fuel treatments	GVFD, other partners	Mid-long		
Category: Slash Management				
Develop slash management strategy, including judiciously relaxing slash burning regulations	GVFD, HOAs	Short	Preliminary contact with GVM, RFH and DU on creating slash taskforce GVM chipping/hauling old community slash piles with LC grant and GVM funds GVM open new community slash pile LCSO to manage burning new GVM community slash pile RFH chipping/hauling program with LC grant and special assessment DU currently working on large chipping projects	
Increase resident awareness of county and state burn permitting systems	GVFD	Short		
Participate in Colorado Certified Burner Program to learn proper burning methods	Residents	Short-Mid		
Implement community chipping program	GVFD, HOAs	Mid	Past GVM/GVFD chipping programs	

Increase resident training on proper burning methods	GVFD	Mid		
Category: Evacuation Preparedness				
Develop family evacuation plans and go-bags, including plans for pets and livestock	Residents	Short	LC EM and North 40 provides information	
Cooperate with neighbors to develop plans for evacuating children who may be home alone or residents with mobility impairments and special needs	Residents	Short	LC EM and North 40 provides information	
Increase resident awareness of evacuation planning, processes and NOCO Alert	GVFD	Short	LC EM and North 40 provides information	
Sign-up for NOCO Alert	Residents	Short	LC EM and North 40 provides information	
Provide access to water supplies on properties for firefighters when evacuating	Residents	Short		
Cooperate with emergency response partners to conduct district-wide evacuation drills	GVFD, other emergency response partners	Mid	Evacuation drill planned for 2020 but canceled due to pandemic	
Category: Firefighter Access and Evacuation Safety				
Improve driveway access for firefighters	Residents, HOAs	Mid		
Determine management responsibilities for maintaining roadside	GVFD	Mid		

conditions access the district				
Coordinate efforts to mitigate hazardous conditions along roadways	GVFD, HOAs, land managers	Mid-Long	RFH roadside mitigation, preliminary discussion with CPRW on roadway mitigation on main access road to NR, preliminary discussion with LC on Co Rd 74e and 68c.	