

# Illinois Valley Flood Resiliency Alliance

Weather Resiliency Workshop  
February 23, 2015 – 5:00 p.m. – Ottawa City Hall

## Workshop Agenda

### Workshop Facilitator:

Ben Wilson, Community Development Director, North Central Illinois Council of Governments

- 1. Welcome** – Senator Sue Rezin, 38<sup>th</sup> District of Illinois  
Mike Sutfin, CFM, Building and Zoning Official, City of Ottawa  
Nora Fesco, Executive Director, North Central Illinois Council of Governments

Around the room introductions

- 2. Overview of the National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) –**

Loren A. Wobig, P.E., CFM  
Acting Director, Office of Water Resources  
Regulatory Programs

- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is organizing a competition for eligible communities that have experienced recent natural disasters.
- The NDRC's main goal is to support innovative initiatives to increase community resilience to the impacts of extreme weather.
- The main issue facing northeastern Illinois is flooding.
- The City of Chicago, Cook County, DuPage County, and the State of Illinois are all eligible and working together to develop a shared regional approach to resilience.

- 3. Community Input**

- 5-10 minutes: Participants complete the questionnaire
- 30 minutes: Discussion. Questions for discussion:
  - i. How has flooding affected you? (What did you write down for question four on the worksheet?)
  - ii. Do others in the room have similar experiences?
  - iii. What have you done in the past to address the flooding challenges you faced?
  - iv. Have you changed anything about your home/yard that will help alleviate flooding in the future?
  - v. What resources would be helpful for you to have if this happens again?
  - vi. Are there examples of best practices from your community that should be shared with others?
- Report back from breakout groups to the larger group.

- 4. Thank You and Next Steps**