



5.2.1 Organizational Collaboration

Maintaining shared collaboration across Multnomah County’s fire districts, governmental partners, jurisdictions, and other stakeholders was identified as a key goal in this plan update process. This concern is a recognition of the increased urgency of wildfire mitigation and preparation, and the value of sharing ideas and resources across jurisdictions.

Re-establishing mitigation partnerships with entities that were part of the 2011 plan but not this update is a priority, as is identifying new partners that play additional roles in land management and structural protection. Additional partners are also important for addressing impacts from cascading disasters that include wildfire, and for including wildfire resilience in recovery plans.

Equity Considerations

- Wildfire stakeholder engagement should continue to be built with community-based organizations that could support improving risk awareness and identifying additional communities at risk in WUI areas that would face significant barriers in a wildfire response or during wildfire recovery.

Mitigation Strategies	Lead Agency/Jurisdiction
Seek grant funding to support fuels reduction and creation of defensible space around homes. Identify grant resource strategies to apply for and manage HMGP, BRIC, SHSP grants and funds obligated through Senate Bill 762. Use multi-jurisdictional approaches to build coalitions and pool resources.	Portland Fire & Rescue Public Education
Re-invigorate Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NETs) with concrete projects such as a neighborhood wildland interface disaster planning program, outreach, and participation in community Firewise fuel mitigation volunteer events.	Portland Fire & Rescue Public Education
Partner with local businesses/non-profits to build wildfire mitigation capacity.	Portland Fire & Rescue Public Education
Target a broader audience by engaging non-traditional partners such as organizations with sustainability programs and the insurance and real estate industries.	Portland Fire & Rescue Public Education
Coordinate meetings with all Firewise communities in the Portland Metro area.	Portland Fire & Rescue Public Education
Provide presentations to organizations that meet regularly and have high visibility in the community: Neighborhood Associations, Granges, Rotaries, Sierra Club, BARK, Garden Clubs, Audubon Society, World Forestry Center, etc.	Portland Fire & Rescue Public Education

Mitigation Strategies	Lead Agency/Jurisdiction
Maintain communication with the Public Utility Commission to determine how statewide utility management policy can be aligned with city planning and environmental management goals.	Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability
Partner with other fire departments, public agencies, news sources, and community organizations to raise awareness around wildfire safety, preparedness and evacuation.	Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue
Build relationships with additional wildfire stakeholders across fire district boundaries and identify strategies for integrating them into future mitigation and preparedness planning efforts. Some potential groups could be from the insurance industry, watershed councils, and community-based organizations.	Multnomah County Emergency Management
Assess resource and funding support needed for Multnomah County Emergency Management to maintain a central position for organization of ongoing countywide wildfire mitigation efforts, including convening meetings, maintaining group member lists, and mitigation grant planning.	Multnomah County Emergency Management
Align countywide CWPP priorities, when possible, with planning priorities in connected wildfire risk areas that cross county lines and fire districts and emergency management agencies in neighboring counties.	Multnomah County Emergency Management
Support regional wildland firefighting equipment grants and other potential projects available through RDPO UASI funding.	Multnomah County Emergency Management
Determine if Multnomah County should become a participating county in Oregon State University Extension Service to coordinate additional wildfire mitigation expertise and program support.	Multnomah County Emergency Management
Build wildfire specific components in the upcoming update to the Multnomah County Recovery Plan.	Multnomah County Emergency Management