

Chapter 3 - Plan Update Process

The plan update process originated with the funding of a Fire Management Grant from FEMA, as part of post-disaster funds made available after the 2017 Eagle Creek Fire. These funds were used to pay for Multnomah County Emergency Management staff time to manage this project.

The stakeholder process kicked off in late 2019. Shortly after the plan kickoff, a Steering Committee to address wildfire planning and a Subcommittee to address wildfire smoke planning were created. Further planning processes were built through these committees.

Shortly after the update kicked off, the COVID-19 pandemic prevented any progress for nearly the entirety of 2020. The extreme 2020 Oregon wildfire and wildfire smoke season and ensuing state policy developments continued to emphasize the need for this update.

Planning team work was resumed in 2021, with stakeholder meetings held throughout the spring to address mitigation priorities over different topic areas. The wildfire portion of the update took a hiatus through the summer fire season, and work was re-engaged in the fall with a goal of completing the plan in Spring 2022.

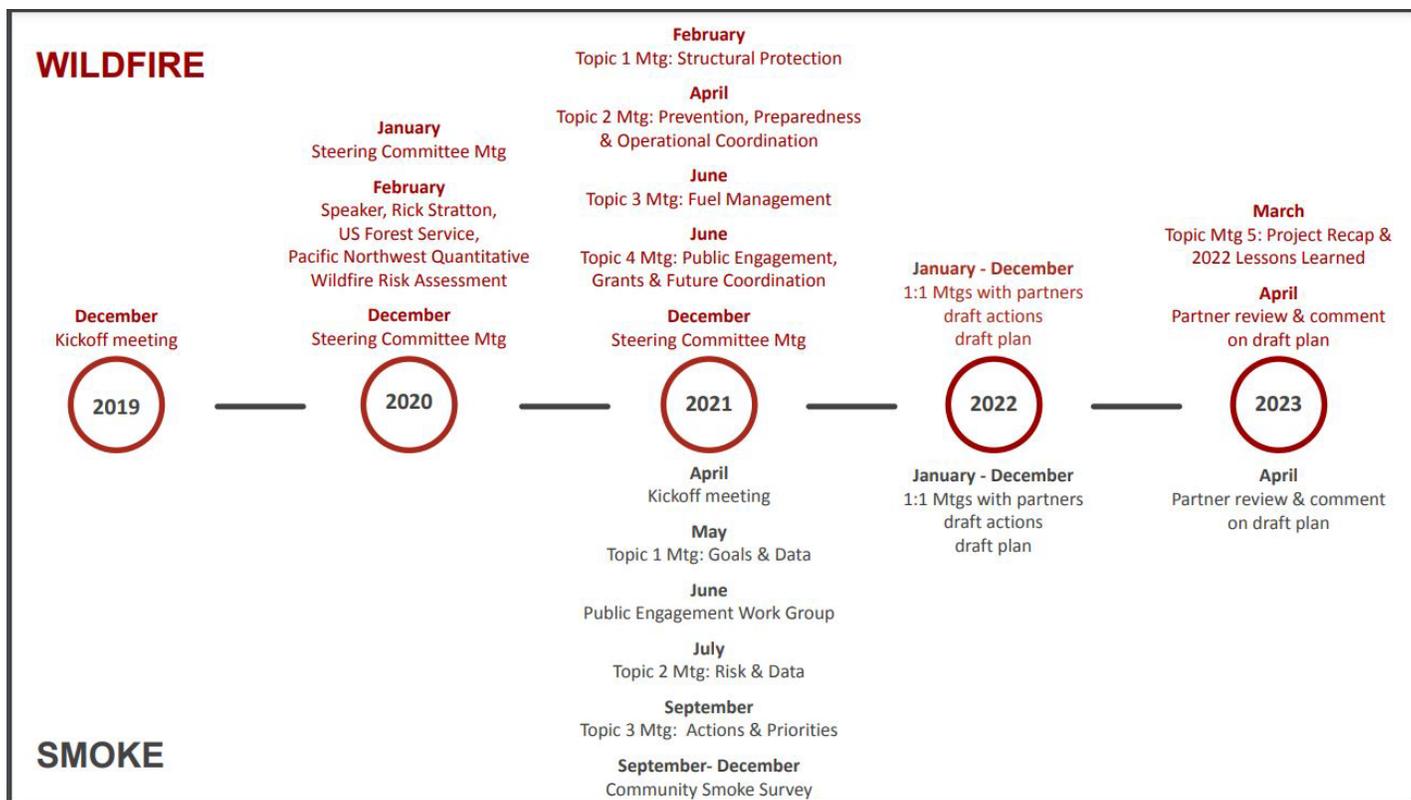
Staff shortages and competing priorities prevented the project from meeting that goal before the fire season restarted again in 2022. The project was again prioritized after the 2022 fire season, with a revised goal for completion by Summer 2023. Individual meetings between the project manager and plan stakeholders occurred in 2022 and early 2023.

The COVID-19 pandemic restructured public engagement, with in-person meetings replaced by online meetings. Opportunities to meet with neighborhood and community groups to discuss the project and to collect additional information from residents, and public engagement efforts by local fire districts, were ongoing. A more comprehensive public engagement process regarding the plan update is planned for later in 2023.



Figure 9 - A flyer for a wildfire mitigation meeting held during the plan update process.

3.1 Project Timeline



- **December 12, 2019** - CWPP Update Project Kickoff Meeting
- **January 30, 2020** - CWPP Steering Committee Meeting
- **February 28, 2020** - Wildfire Speaker Event – Rick Stratton, US Forest Service, Co-Author – *Pacific Northwest Quantitative Wildfire Risk Assessment*
- **December 17, 2020** – CWPP Steering Committee Meeting
- **February 11, 2021** – Wildfire Stakeholder Meeting #1 (Structural Protection)
- **April 14, 2021** – Wildfire Smoke subcommittee kickoff
- **April 29, 2021** – Wildfire Stakeholder Meeting #2 (Fire Prevention, Preparedness and Operational Coordination)
- **June 2, 2021** – Wildfire Smoke Public Engagement sub-group meeting
- **June 3, 2021** - Wildfire Stakeholder Meeting #3 (Wildfire Fuel Management)
- **June 7, 2021** – Wildfire Smoke Data sub-group meeting
- **June 22, 2021** - Wildfire Stakeholder Meeting #4 (Public Engagement, Grants, and Future Coordination)
- **July 14, 2021** – Wildfire Smoke subcommittee meeting (Risk & Data)
- **September 30, 2021** – Wildfire Smoke subcommittee meeting (Mitigation Actions)

- **October 26, 2021** – Wildfire Smoke subcommittee meeting (Mitigation Actions)
- **December 17, 2021** – CWPP Steering Committee Meeting
- **March 7, 2023** – Wildfire Stakeholder Meeting #5 (Project Recap and 2022 Lessons Learned)
- **April 25, 2023** – CWPP Steering Committee Meeting

3.2 Stakeholder Organization

Stakeholder partnership is an essential element of the CWPP process and was a priority for this revision. Along with all of Multnomah County’s fire districts and the state forest management agency (ODF), an effort was made to include:

- Federal and state agencies involved in firefighting, fire and smoke mitigation and environmental health
- City and county departments or bureaus with roles in land management, public health and human services, land use, and homeless services
- Electric utility partners
- Regional governmental bodies
- Other local land management and conservation districts and representatives of community organizations.

A more detailed list of participating partners for each hazard are located in the respective Wildfire and Wildfire Smoke chapters.