



COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN (CWPP) TEMPLATE INSTRUCTIONS

A CWPP helps plan for the possibility of a community-threatening wildfire. The CWPP helps empower communities to organize, plan, educate, and take action on wildfire issues that impact community safety.

The instructions below provide guidance for individuals and communities on how to complete the Arkansas Forestry Commission CWPP template. Further assistance on completing a CWPP can be obtained by contacting the Arkansas Firewise Coordinator at (501) 296-1940 or contacting the local AFC district office.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Enter the name of the community that the plan is being prepared for and enter the date the plan is completed. Enter information for the individual that completed the CWPP template.

PLAN PARTICIPANTS

Community Representation

Enter names for the local community representative(s). This could include the mayor, city council representative, Firewise Board representative, homeowner association president, etc. Typically these representatives have authority to act on behalf of the community.

Local Fire Department Representation

Enter the names of the local fire department representative(s) who provide fire protection for the community that the CWPP is being prepared for.

Local Arkansas Forestry Commission Representation

Enter the names of the local Arkansas Forestry Commission representative(s) that are assisting the community in the preparation of the CWPP.

Federal and other Interested Parties

Enter the names of any participating representative(s) from any federal agency (USDA-Forest Service, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, etc.) or any other interested party such as a non-profit group.

PLAN CONTENTS

Community Background and Existing Situation

All pertinent community information should be entered in this section. This information may have to be gathered from several sources such as the local Property Value Assessor (PVA), the local deed office, the Arkansas Forestry Commission, etc. The local fire department and/or the Firewise Council can assist in gathering this information.

Community Base Map and Other Visuals

A community base map should be inserted or attached here to provide needed information. A community map may be obtained from a variety of sources including the Area Development District, the local tax office, the local conservation district, a local university, or from a completed fire hazard mitigation assessment if one has been completed for the area.

Any other available community visuals, including any available GIS layers, should be inserted or attached here.

Objectives/Goals

The objectives of the CWPP should be clearly stated in this section. The objectives should clearly define what the community hopes to accomplish with the preparation and implementation of the CWPP. The objectives should be as specific as possible. The existing objectives in the CWPP template should be edited as needed to reflect the community needs and priorities.

The goals of the CWPP usually include mitigation practices for fuel reduction and structure ignitability reduction practices. They may also include community education. The existing template goals should be edited as needed.

Prioritized Mitigation Recommendations

Mitigation practices should be listed by priority order for fuel reduction, and structure ignitability reduction. All community education and outreach activities and/or events should also be listed by priority order.

Action Plan

The funding needs, timetable for completion, and method or strategy to assess the plans project should be listed here for each identified project. Completion of these items will increase the likelihood of project success.

Wildfire Pre-Suppression Plan

Completion of the information in this section will help to ensure that the community has gathered all pertinent information for use in case of a community threatening wildfire. Assistance for gathering this information may be provided by the local fire department, the Arkansas Forestry Commission, the local emergency management official, or the local unit of a national park or a national forest. The items listed in this section should be identified as completely as possible in order to be prepared for a wildfire.

Additional Comments

Enter any additional comments that provide or explain information included in the CWPP or any other comments that are pertinent to the CWPP.

Attachments

List in order any attachments to the CWPP. These could include maps, personnel lists, phone lists, equipment lists, or logistical information.