

Heat Management Group 2022- 2023

1. Create a Heat Management Task Force comprising of personnel from the Monroe County Health Department, Bloomington Hospital, city departments such as Utilities, Planning, Emergency Management, non-profits such as the United Way, Area 10 Agency on Aging, etc.
2. Determine based on capacity to either create a Heat Management Plan or work on only one of the following aspects of the plan:

Mitigation: creating a cooler environment by planting trees, painting streets and roofs white, green infrastructure, etc. Focus is on areas with populations most vulnerable to extreme heat.

Adaptation: increase public support for vulnerable populations by providing free fans/ac units, cooling energy bill assistance, home weatherization programs, etc.

Education: increase knowledge of heat-related illness symptoms and how to prevent them on an individual and community level

Heat Wave Emergency Response: Heat Emergency Plan with assigned duties for city and county departments and an extreme heat communication plan (heat advisory alerts, guidance provided thru multiple channels and languages); augmenting public services during a heat wave (free bus rides, cooling centers, no utility shutoffs); volunteer program to check on elderly residents; homeless population health checks with bottled water distribution and information provided about available resources

Ordinances: Backup generator requirements for assisted living facilities, cool roof requirements, shade requirements for parking lots, maximum parking lot sizes