

Special Topics

Garfield County Disaster Resiliency Assessment

The purpose of this section is to assess at the county level key components of disaster resiliency. Housing location and quality as well as planning activities can help reduce impacts from disaster events and allow for faster recovery. Disasters can include tornadoes, extreme weather, high winds, as well as man-made events. These events may largely be inevitable, but the ability to reduce damage and casualties as well recovery can be improved with good planning.

C.0 Comprehensive Plans & Hazard Mitigation Plans

There are 6 key cities within the county (Enid, Lahoma, Garber, Waukomis, Covington, Kremlin).

Comprehensive plans are the guiding documents for cities of various sizes to address key aspects of their community from land use, transportation, environment, housing, and economic development.

The City of Enid has an adopted comprehensive plan, Envision Enid. Environmental constraints were mapped as part of this effort including floodplains, habitats, historical sites, and hazardous waste sites (Envision Enid, 5-9, p219).

The other key plan for a city to manage, mitigate and plan for recovery related to disasters is a **Hazard Mitigation Plan** (or Emergency Management Plan). Often low density counties, the Hazard Mitigation Plan is done at the county level, though some cities may augment the county plan with a city plan.

Garfield County does not have a Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Garfield County has an Emergency Operations Plan.

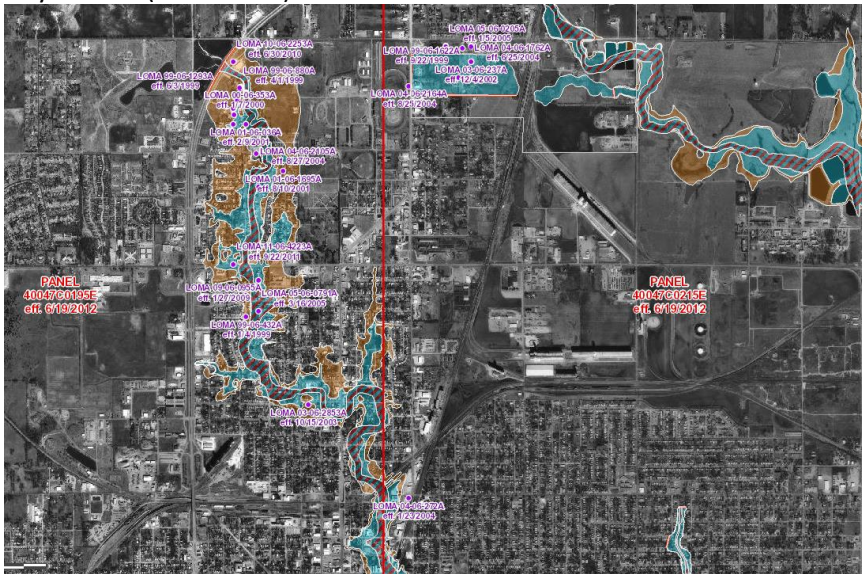
C.2.1.1. Historical Data on Natural Disasters and Other Hazards

Data on historical damages and casualties is typically collected as part of a **Hazard Mitigation Plan** preparation to determine the appropriate planning measures and actions to take before and after an event.

Flooding

The several water features may cause flooding in developed areas of the county due to being in the floodplain. All parts of the county may be subject to flash flooding, freeze-thaw flooding and extreme precipitation that can cause flooding, unrelated to the streams and rivers.

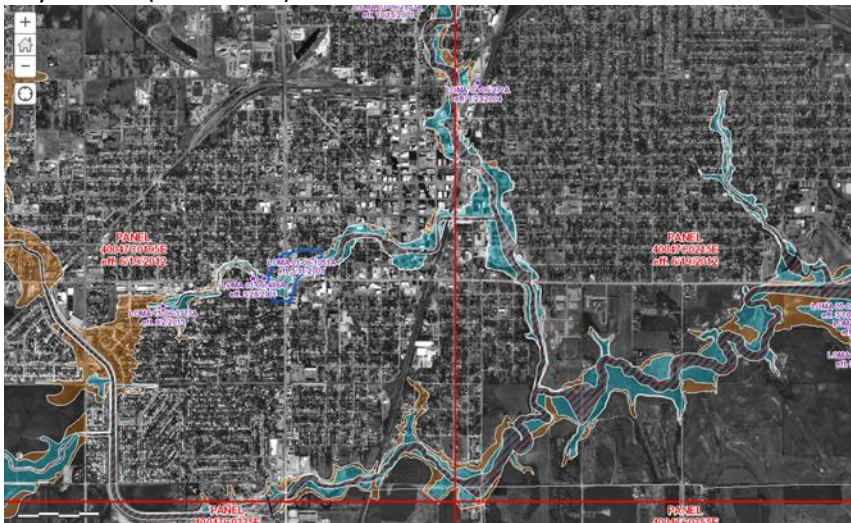
City of Enid (North End)



- Flood Hazard Zones
- 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
- Regulatory Floodway
- Special Floodway
- Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard
- 0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
- Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
- Area with Reduced Risk Due to Levee

FEMA's National Flood Hazard Layer <http://fema.maps.arcgis.com/>

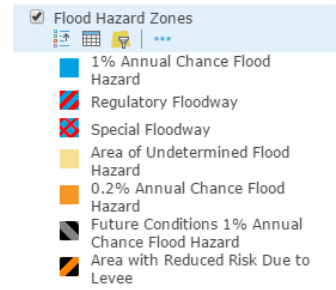
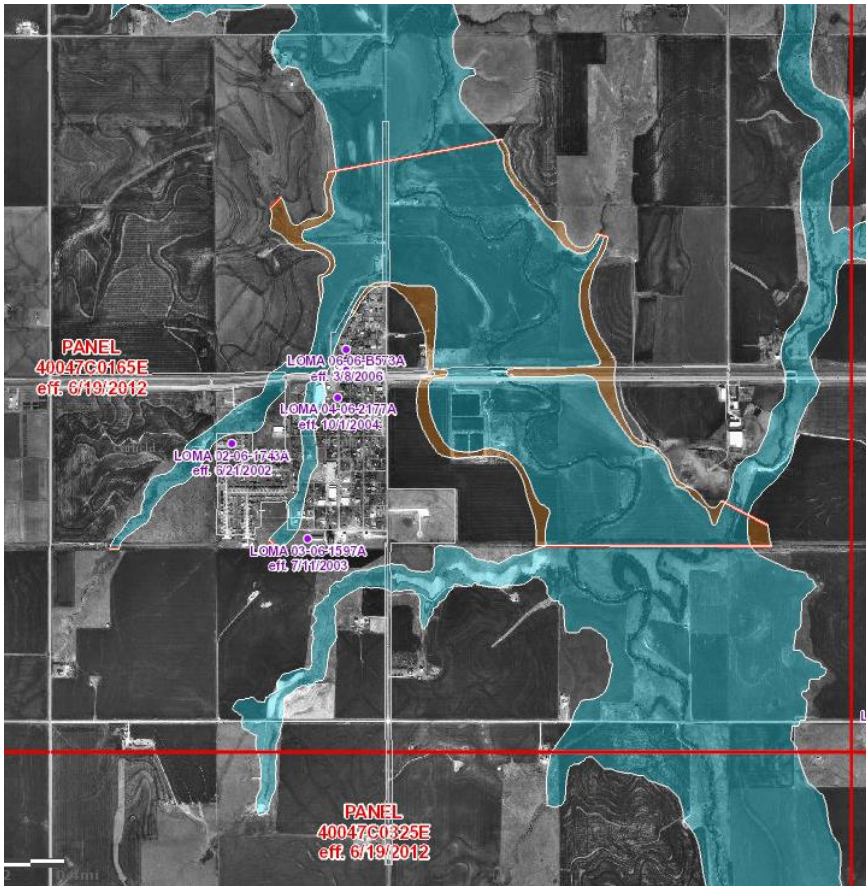
City of Enid (South End)



- Flood Hazard Zones
- 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
- Regulatory Floodway
- Special Floodway
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- Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
- Area with Reduced Risk Due to Levee

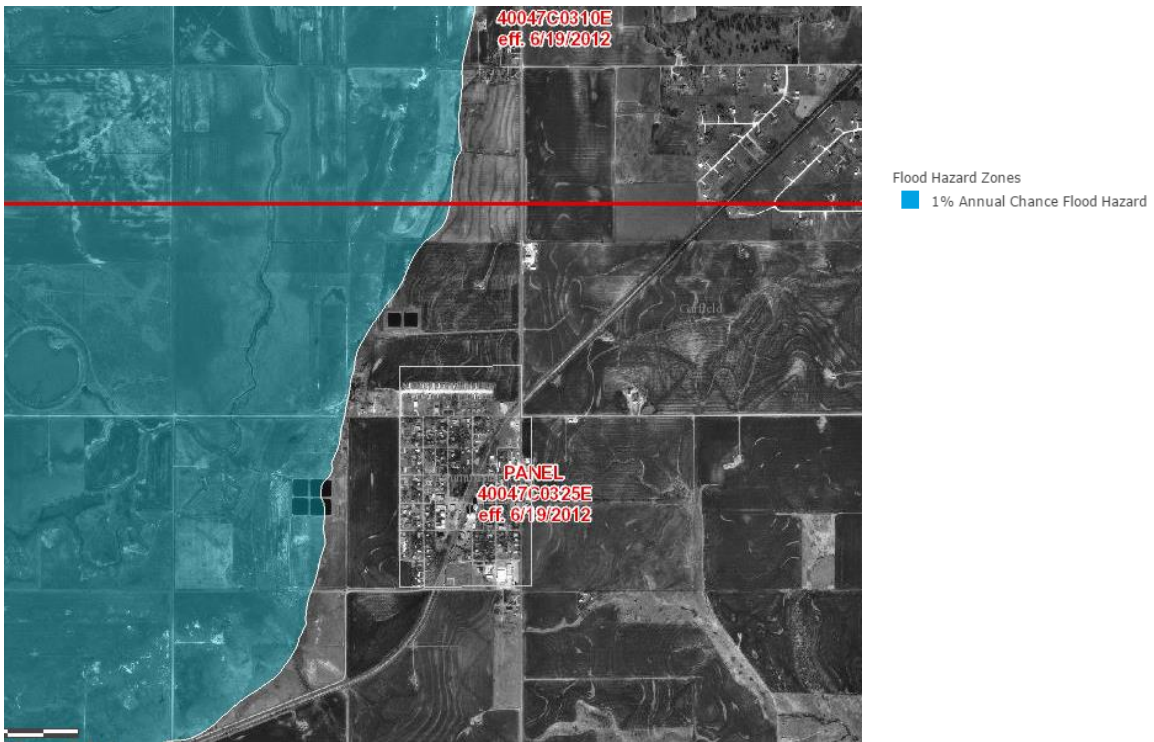
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Lahoma



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Drummond



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Garber



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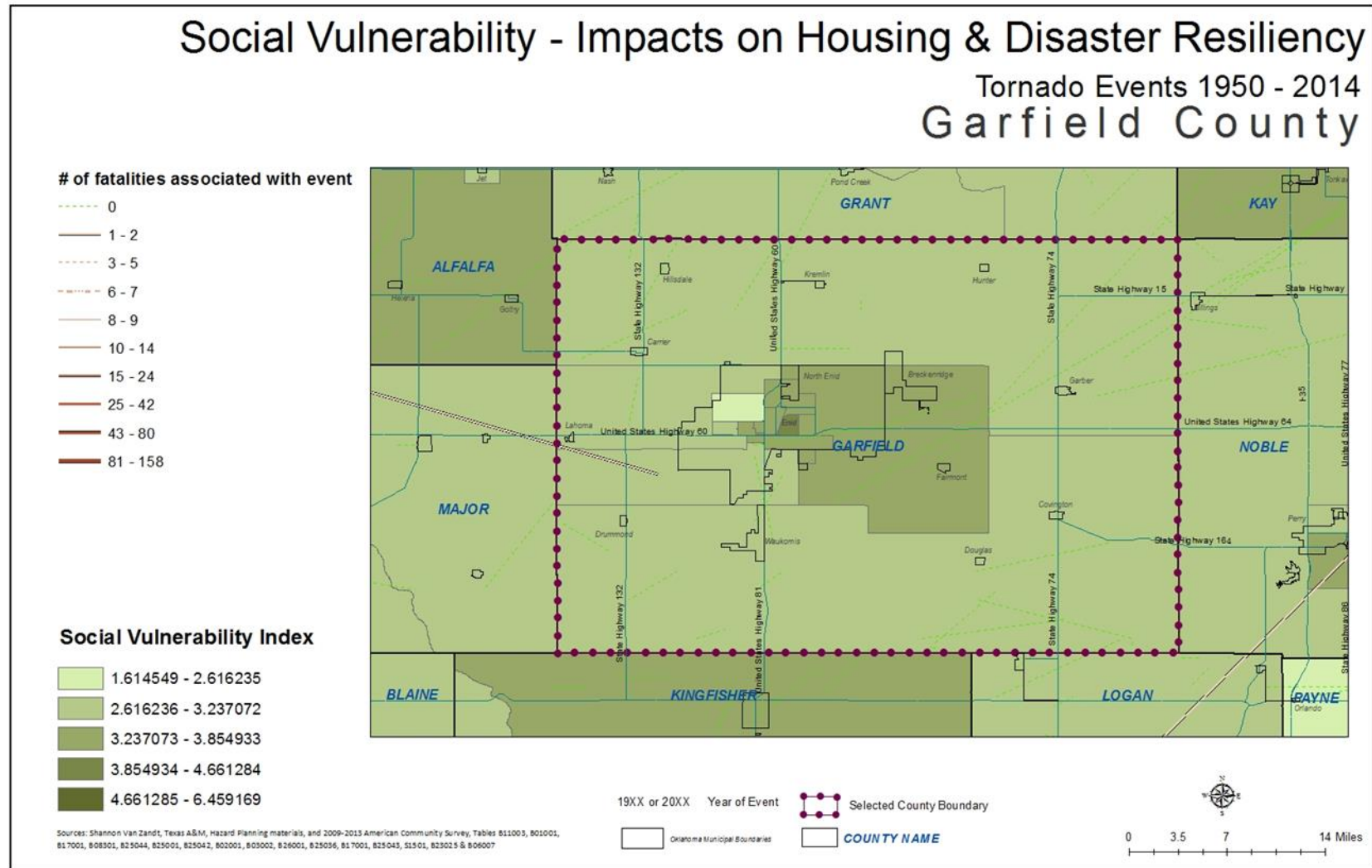
Waukomis

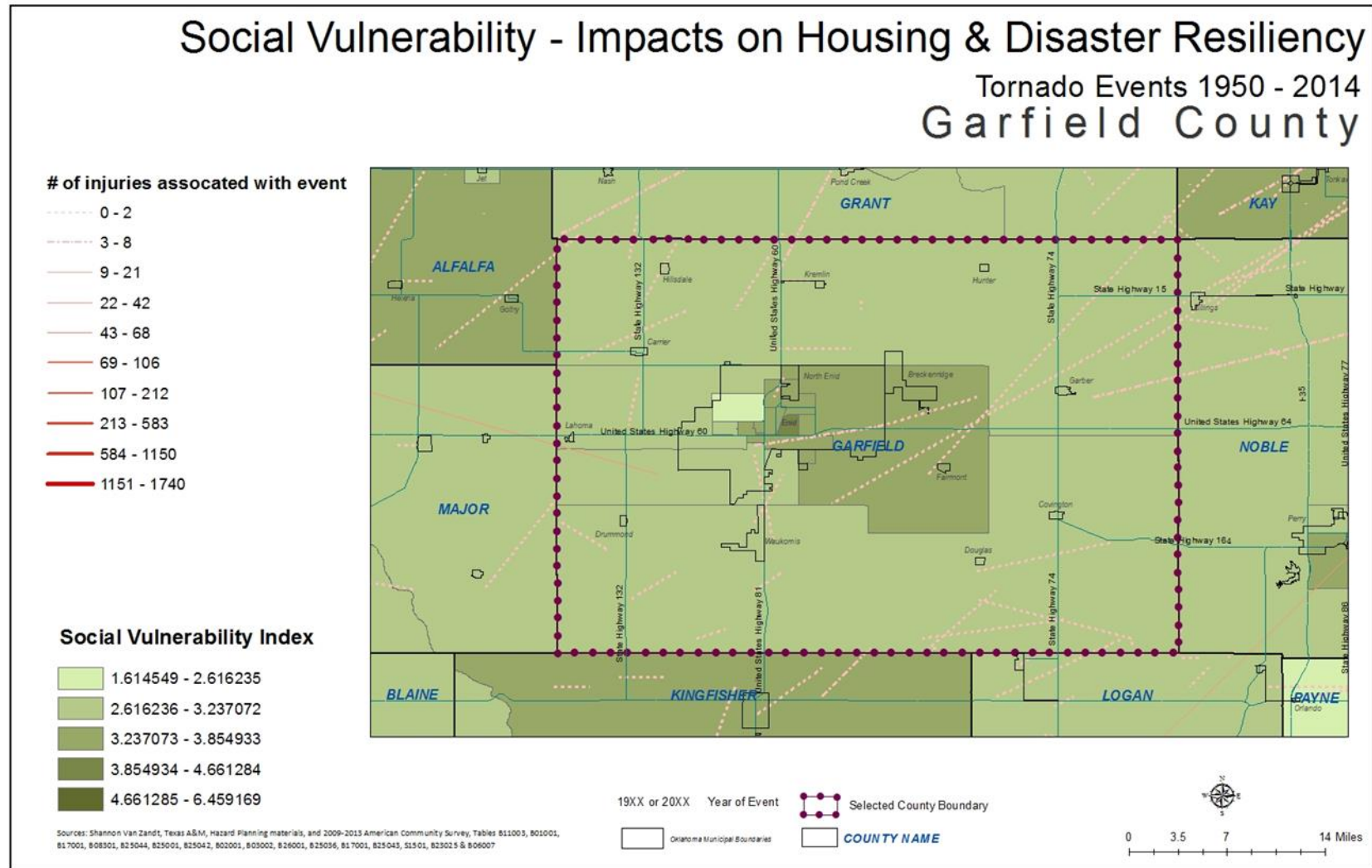


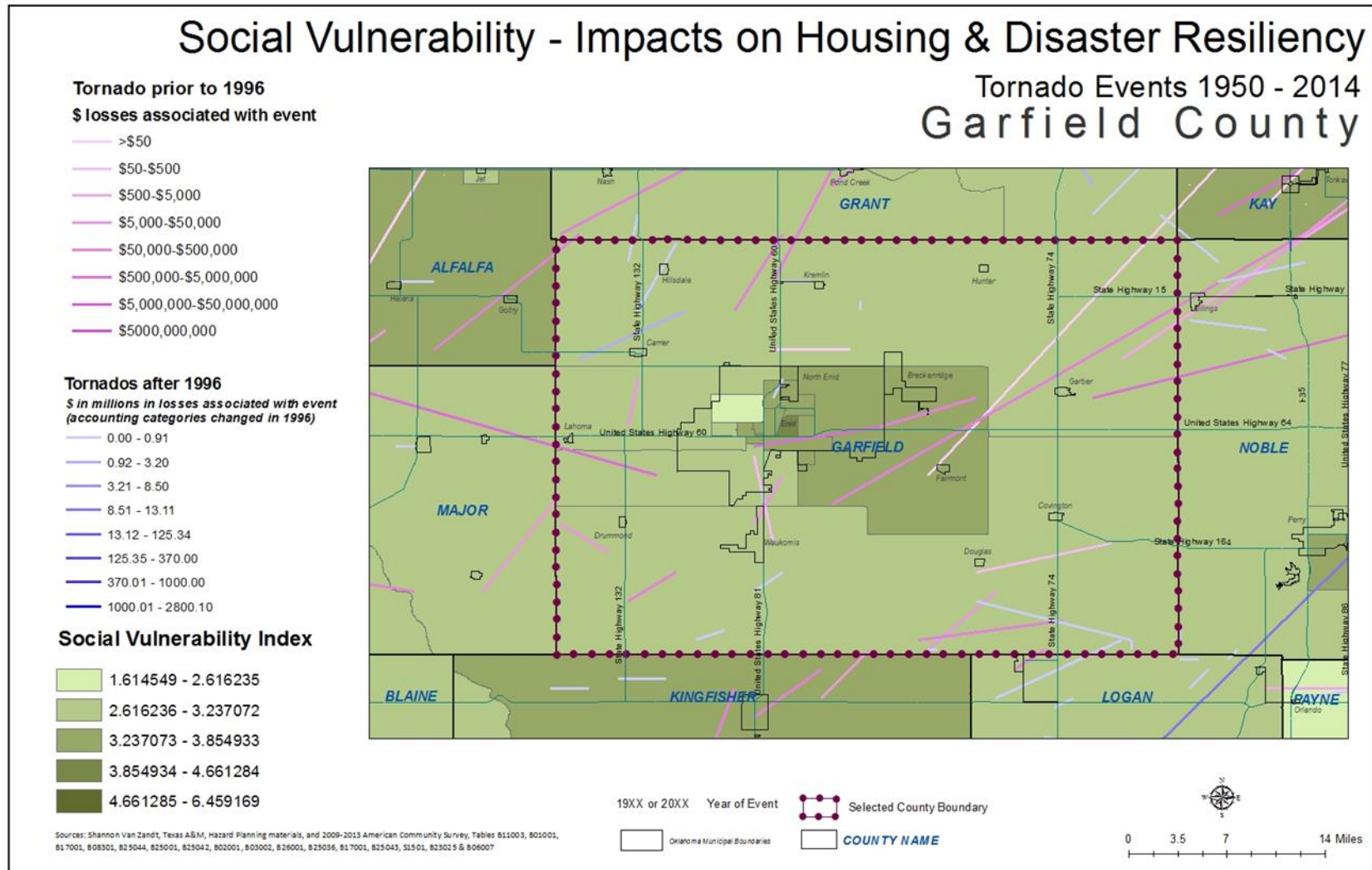
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NOAA data shows the following historic data on disaster events for the county:

Historic data on tornadoes between 1950-2014 there are 70 tornadoes documented. There were 46 injuries that occurred connected to these tornadoes, with 25 of those injuries happening in the 1979 tornado. There 1 fatality connected to tornadoes during this time period, which occurred in 1979 tornado. Property losses between 1950-1996 ranged from \$2,053,155.00 to \$20,531,750.00(The accounting methods used for losses changed in 1996.) The losses estimated between 1996-2014 was \$1,640,000.00.







C.2.1.2; C.2.1.6; C.2.1.7;C.2.1.8 Shelters from Disaster Event

City of Enid Online registration

<http://www.enid.org/departments/a-e/emergency-management/storm-shelter-registration>

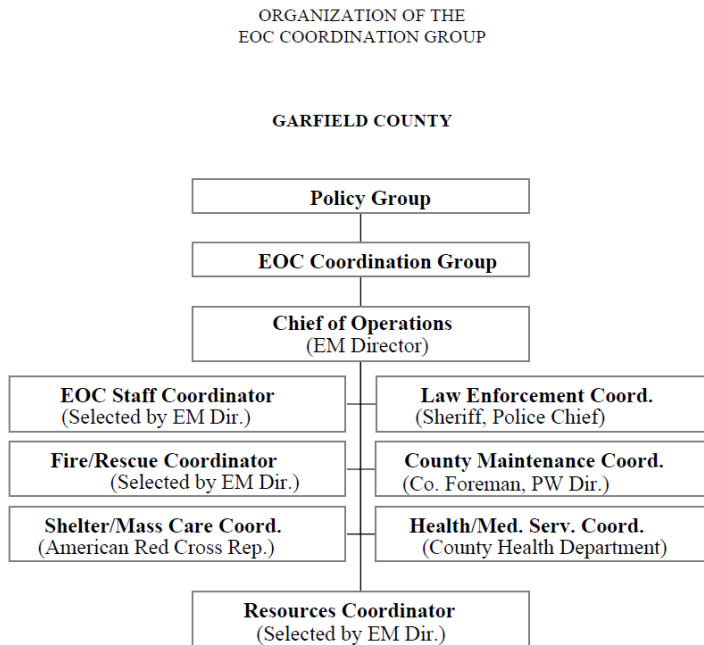
Garfield County online registry

<http://gcem.org/storm-shelter-registration/garfield-county/>

C.2.1.3 Public Policy and Governance to Build Disaster Resiliency

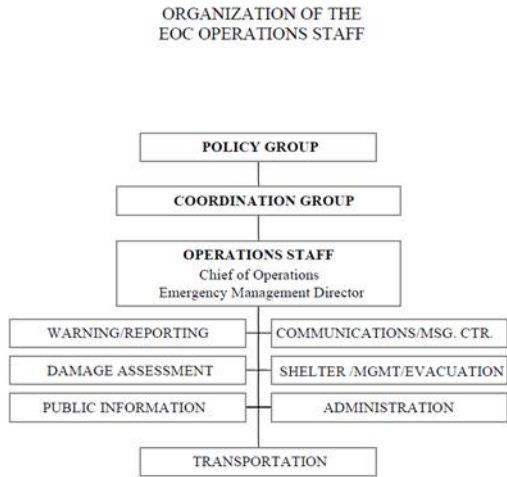
Information not available.

C.2.1.4 Local Emergency Response Agency Structure



(Garfield County EOP , p. 43)





(Garfield County EOP , p. 45)

C.2.1.5 Threat & Hazard Warning Systems

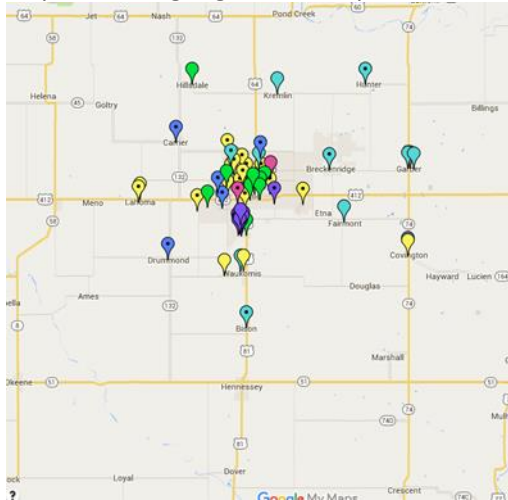
The identified Threat & Hazard Warning Systems for Garfield County include:

- Sirens
- Phone notification (City of Enid – Public Address System, Nixle, VIARADIO)
- Emergency Broadcast System

Garfield County has a total of 16 jurisdictions within the county. All but 2 have storm sirens.

Google Mapped sirens in Oklahoma:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=zkgp3PmLxLzg.kXQeGF45FpQg&hl=en>



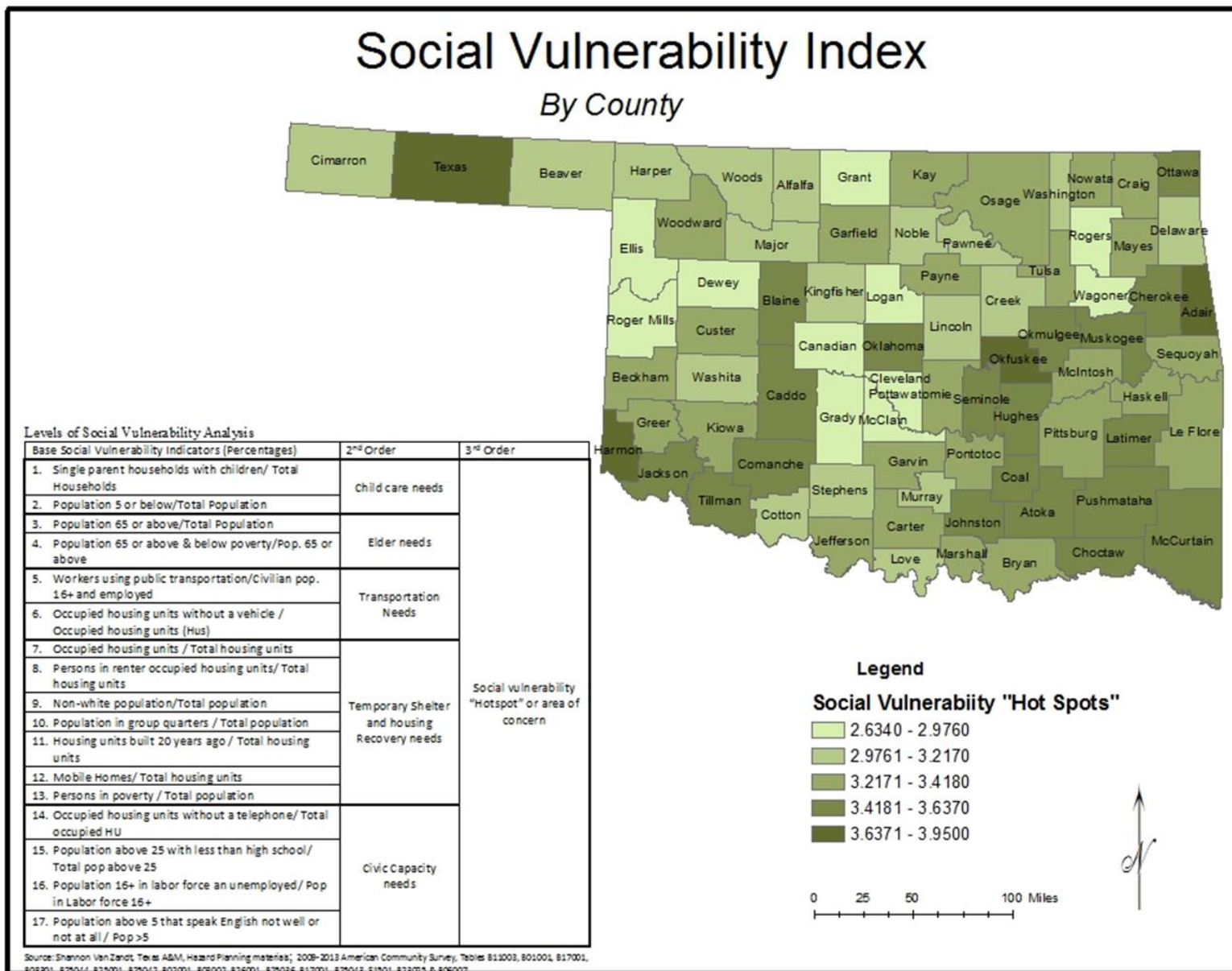
Social Vulnerability

Based on the research work done by the Texas A&M University Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center, an added component is being included in this section. Social vulnerability can place households at a further disadvantage during and after a disaster. This analysis is assessing for the county the levels of social vulnerability based on demographic indicators to highlight ‘hotspots’ or counties that have higher social vulnerability. That combined with Hazard Mitigation Plans – or lack thereof – can highlight places where additional work is needed to reduce impacts on households.

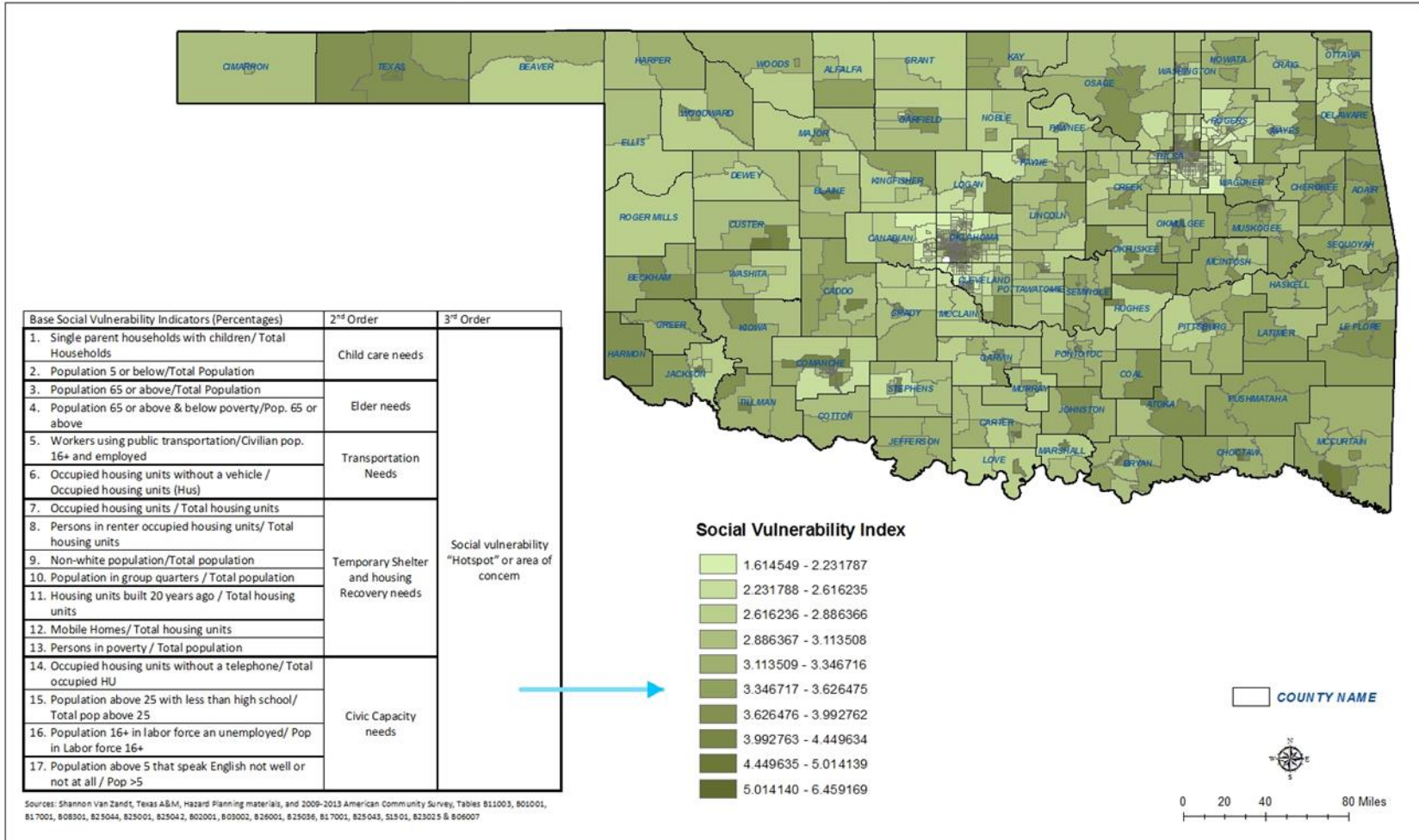
Social Vulnerability Analysis - Garfield County			
Base Social Vulnerability Indicators (%)		2nd Order	3rd Order
1.) Single Parent Households	14.32%	0.217	3.286 Social Vulnerability 'Hotspot' or Area of Concern
2.) Population Under 5	7.39%	(Child Care Needs)	
3.) Population 65 or Above	15.47%	0.244	
4.) Population 65 or Above & Below Poverty Rate	8.95%	(Elder Needs)	
5.) Workers Using Public Transportation	0.39%	0.053	
6.) Occupied Housing Units w/o Vehicle	4.95%	(Transportation Needs)	
7.) Housing Unit Occupancy Rate	87.59%	2.502 (Temporary Shelter and Housing Recovery Needs)	
8.) Rental Occupancy Rate	33.15%		
9.) Non-White Population	20.50%		
10.) Population in Group Quarters	2.75%		
11.) Housing Units Built Prior to 1990	87.46%		
12.) Mobile Homes, RVs, Vans, etc.	4.91%		
13.) Poverty Rate	13.87%		
14.) Housing Units Lacking Telephones	1.57%	0.269 (Civic Capacity Needs)	
15.) Age 25+ With Less Than High School Diploma	14.20%		
16.) Unemployment Rate	5.94%		
17.) Age 5+ Which Cannot Speak English Well or Not At All	5.15%		

Sources: Shannon Van Zandt, Texas A&M, Hazard Planning materials, and 2009-2013 American Community Survey, Tables B11003, B01001, B17001, B08301, B25044, B25001, B25042, B02001, B03002, B26001, B25036, B17001, B25043, S1501, B23025 & B06007

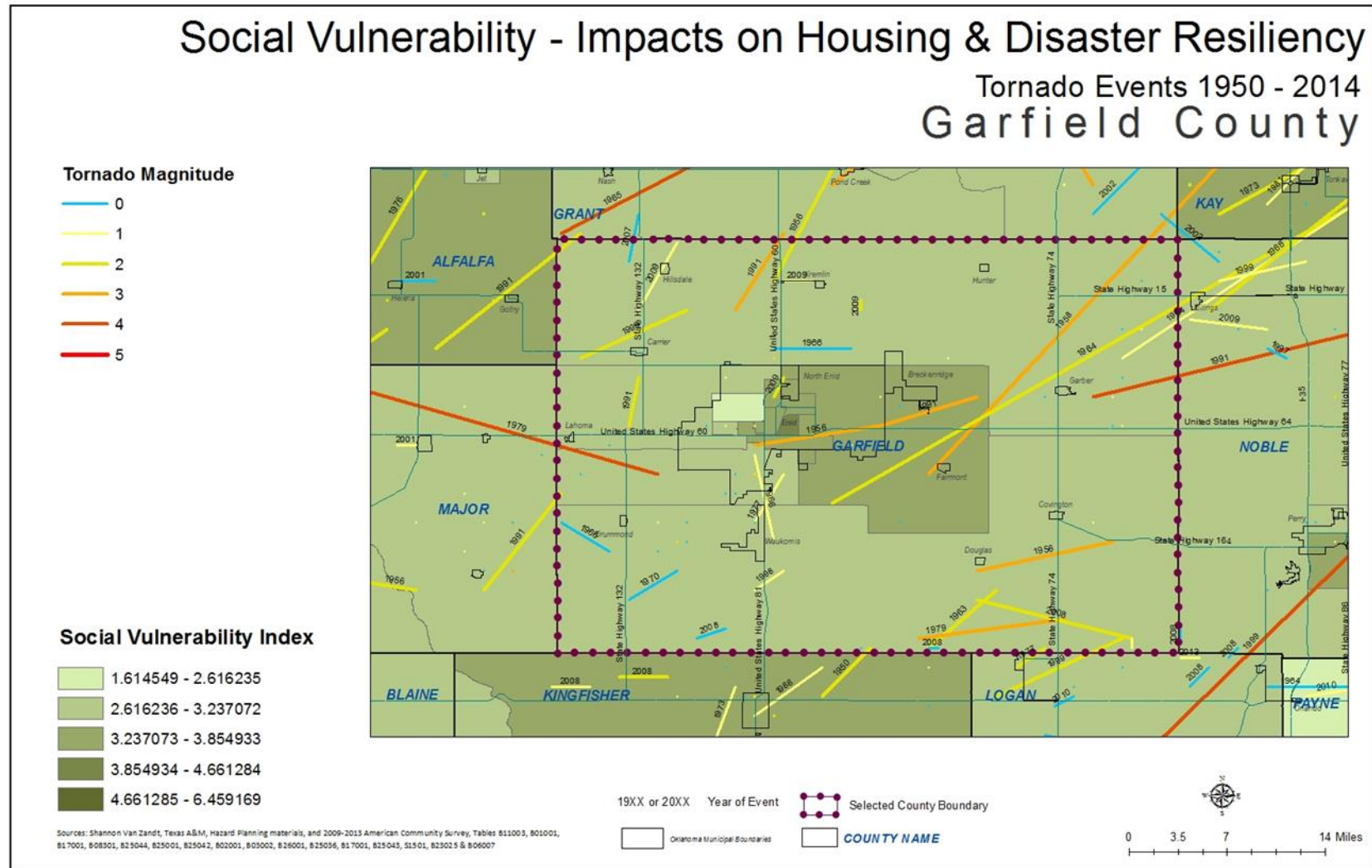




Social Vulnerability - Impacts on Housing & Disaster Resiliency



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Social vulnerability combined with the devastating impacts of a natural or man-made disaster can compound a household's ability to recover and in fact can place those individuals at an even greater gap or disadvantage prior to the event (Shannon Van Zandt, Texas A&M, Hazard Planning).

This county falls below the state score per this index for social vulnerability when comparing as a county to other counties in the state. The census tract in the center of the county, Enid area, has elevated concern for social vulnerability.

Recommendations for this county:

- Update and maintain the county HMP and include attention to areas within the county that in addition to physical vulnerability may have compounding social vulnerability factors.
- Efforts to strengthen building codes related to tornadoes and natural disasters should be considered.
- Planning for shelters from disaster events for multifamily, HUD and LIHTC units, in addition to all housing in the community should be incorporated with any effort to increase housing.