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	Agenda Item No. 25 Roll Call No. <u>14-1144</u> Communication No. <u>14-350</u> Submitted by: John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief

AGENDA HEADING:

Approve and adopt the Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval and adoption of the Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. It assures eligibility to access federal and state disaster recovery grants in advance of any Presidentially-declared disasters, including Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grants, Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grants, Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) grants, Repetitive Flood Claim (RFC) grants, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMPG) funding, and is a requirement of the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Congress approved the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA), commonly known as the 2000 Stafford Act amendment, on October 10, 2000. On October 30, 2000, the President signed the bill into law, creating Public Law 106-390. The 2000 DMA amends the Stafford Act, establishing a national program for pre-disaster mitigation, and streamlined administration of disaster relief. The Act also requires local governments to develop and submit plans in order to remain eligible for federal disaster assistance and grant funds.

On February 26, 2002, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published an Interim Final Rule (IFR) that set forth the guidance and regulations under which such plans are supposed to be developed. The IFR provides detailed descriptions of both the planning process that states and localities are required to observe and the contents of the plan that emerges. This Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan responds to those requirements and lists them within each section of the Plan.

Iowa Administrative code Section 605, Chapter 7: Local Emergency Management states the following in regard to DMA 2000-compliant mitigation plans:

The Plan shall establish interim and long-term strategies to eliminate hazards or to reduce the impact of those hazards that cannot be eliminated. In order to qualify for federal funding for mitigation assistance, the eligible applicant must comply with the mitigation planning requirements set forth in 44 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 206, Subpart M, and the Iowa Mitigation Grant Program Administrative Plan, as appropriate.

The City of Des Moines, as a member of the Polk County Emergency Management Commission, participated in the creation of the Plan by identifying hazards which could potentially impact Des Moines, selecting the best mitigation strategies, and developing short and long-term strategies to reduce vulnerability to the identified hazards. The full Plan can be found at the following link: <http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/emergency-management/planning/multi-jurisdictional-hazard-mitigation-plan/>

Section 4, Mitigation Strategy, contains the specific projects that jurisdictions have identified through the planning process. The Plan is formally reviewed and updated every five (5) years; however, the Plan may be amended between formal review periods.

The creation of the Plan is a result of cooperation and collaboration between the 17 participating municipalities in Polk County, the Polk County Sheriff, Polk County Board of Supervisors, Polk County Emergency Management Agency as well as public school districts. Highlights of the benefits of the Plan include, but are not limited to:

- Bringing people together before an event occurs to discuss various scenarios and allows for the establishment and growth of relationships before an event occurs;
- It supports and contributes to other valuable planning efforts throughout the county. It assures eligibility to access federal and state disaster recovery grants in advance of any Presidentially-declared disasters, including Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grants, Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grants, Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) grants, and Repetitive Flood Claim (RFC) grants;
- It assures eligibility to access federal and state disaster recovery grants following Presidentially-declared disasters including Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding;
- It is a requirement of the NFIP Community Rating System;
- It situates participating municipalities in a positive position to access other funding sources such as community and economic development grants; and
- The process serves as an educational experience for committee members and citizens on the potential hazards and what the community can do to mitigate their affects.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 13, 2009

Roll Call Number: [09-1284](#)

Action: [Polk](#) County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). ([Council Communication No. 09-488](#)) Moved by Mahaffey to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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