


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	25-067	Meeting:	February 24, 2025
	Agenda Item:	35	Roll Call:	25-0275
	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 which assures eligibility to access federal and state disaster recovery grants in advance of any Presidentially declared disasters including Pre-Disaster Mitigation grants, Flood Mitigation Assistance grants, Severe Repetitive Loss grants, Repetitive Flood Claim grants, Hazard Mitigation Program Grant (HMPG) funding. Adoption of a local hazard mitigation plan 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, 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 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.
- 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: [Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan - Polk County Iowa.](#)

- 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 27 participating local jurisdictions. 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 grants, Flood Mitigation Assistance grants, Severe Repetitive Loss grants, and Repetitive Flood Claim grants.
 - It ensures eligibility to access federal and state disaster recovery grants following Presidentially declared disasters including HMPG 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.
 - 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 effects.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: April 22, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-0649](#)

Action: [Adopting](#) the Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. ([Council Communication No. 19-174](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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