



STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 17, 2023

Consent

AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of the Washington County All Hazard Mitigation Plan

TO: Mayor and City Council

SUBMITTED BY: Dustin Kalis, Fire Chief

REVIEWED BY: Kristina Handt, City Administrator

BACKGROUND:

Washington County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management staff has completed the most recent update to the Washington County All Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan was last updated in 2018.

The plan update process engaged representatives from cities and townships in hazard mitigation planning to identify hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities throughout Washington County and determine how to reduce, minimize or eliminate the loss of life and property damage resulting from a variety of hazards – natural, technological, and human-caused. The Washington County All Hazard Mitigation Plan is a guide for all communities and entities that participated in the plan's original development and update.

The plan was submitted to Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management and FEMA for approval. Both agencies reviewed the plan and approved it with no changes required.

To be eligible to receive funding from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program or the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, local jurisdictions must have submitted a signed resolution to the county for submittal to the State and FEMA. A FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan is a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects.

ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

Should the City Council approve a resolution to adopt the Washington County All Hazard Mitigation Plan?

PROPOSAL:

Hazard mitigation is the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. It is most effective when implemented under a comprehensive, long-term mitigation plan. Mitigation plans are key to breaking the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None unless the resolution is not approved and the city requires mitigation funding as mentioned above.

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve Resolution No 2023-109
- 2) Deny approval

RECOMMENDATION:

If removed from the consent agenda:

“Motion to approve Resolution No 2023-109, Adoption of the Washington County All Hazard Mitigation Plan”

ATTACHMENTS:

- Resolution 2023-109

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
WASHINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-109

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Elmo has participated in the hazard mitigation planning process as established under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a framework for the development of a multi-jurisdictional County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act as part of the planning process requires public involvement and local coordination among neighboring local units of government and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Plan includes a risk assessment including past hazards, hazards that threaten the County, an estimate of structures at risk, a general description of land uses and development trends; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Plan includes a mitigation strategy including goals and objectives and an action plan identifying specific mitigation projects and costs; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Plan includes a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of the plan into other planning documents and how Washington County will maintain public participation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been shared with the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan will make the county and participating jurisdictions eligible to receive FEMA hazard mitigation assistance grants; and

WHEREAS, this is a multi-jurisdictional Plan and cities that participated in the planning process may choose to also adopt the County Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lake Elmo supports the hazard mitigation planning effort and wishes to adopt the Washington County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

APPROVED by the Lake Elmo City Council on this 8th day of November, 2023.

By: _____
Charles Cadenhead
Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Johnson
City Clerk