

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-___

Adopting the Jefferson County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan: 2019-2023

Executive Summary

The Jefferson County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2019-2023 consists of six chapters and a map series which has not been reproduced and included in this resolution because the plan totals in 146 pages, but is available for review by the public on the County's website. The Plan presents background information about Jefferson County including its setting, demographic and economic characteristics, climate, natural resources, land use, development trends and access and functional needs populations and groups in Jefferson County. The Plan also contains a complete inventory of critical facilities in the County and includes an estimate of the losses to buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities that could be caused by natural hazards. The Plan concludes by identifying goals, objectives, and policies that will help to craft appropriate solutions to the identified problems. This includes presenting a variety of activities to help foster hazard mitigation efforts and designating funding sources to be applied toward identified projects.

Jefferson County adopted a multi-jurisdictional plan in 2008, which was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on July 25, 2008, and covers all of the municipalities in Jefferson County. This proposed Hazard Mitigation Plan was substantially updated and revised to meet new state and federal guidelines as part of the five-year update started in 2012. The Plan as revised was approved by FEMA on October 18, 2013, and by Wisconsin Emergency Management on October 28, 2013. This most recent version is intended to guide mitigation planning efforts in Jefferson County during the five-year period from 2019 through 2023. On December 28, 2018, the Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee reviewed this resolution and recommended forwarding to the County Board to adopt the Jefferson County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan: 2019-2023 as proposed.

WHEREAS, the executive summary is incorporated into this resolution, and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K), which requires that a local unit of government have an approved All Hazard Mitigation Plan before it can receive Federal grant monies from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for pre-disaster mitigation projects, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Emergency Management has updated the countywide mitigation plan, initially adopted in 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing on January 8, 2019, to accept public input concerning the updated plan, and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors makes the following findings:

1. Natural disasters pose a tangible threat to Jefferson County residents and property.

2. Undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to residents and property and save taxpayer dollars.
3. Preparation of this plan is in the public interest.
4. This plan is intended to serve as a general strategy and may be amended from time to time.
5. Nothing in this plan obligates the County of Jefferson to undertake any of the recommended activities and/or projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Jefferson County hereby adopts the Jefferson County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan: 2019-2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Clerk shall provide a certified copy of this resolution to Donna Haugom, Emergency Management Director, for distribution to the Wisconsin Department of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Fiscal Note: No direct fiscal impact.

Ayes _____ Noes _____ Abstain _____ Absent _____ Vacant _____