

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Manila Shaver, Chief of Police
DATE: February 7, 2017
SUBJECT: City Council Memo and Resolution for Adoption of Dakota County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan



BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Keeping our residents safe when disaster strikes is an important responsibility for City staff and Dakota County personnel. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires counties and cities to prepare All-Hazard Mitigation Plans every five years. Plans must address potential natural and manmade hazards and develop mitigation strategies to reduce the impacts of hazard events both in dollars and lives saved. Counties and cities must have an approved and adopted plan to be eligible for both federal disaster relief funds and mitigation project grant dollars.

Dakota County's initial All-Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by the Minnesota Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2006. Instead of developing their own plans, many cities within Dakota County, including the City of Sunfish Lake, continue to work collaboratively with County staff to develop a single, comprehensive plan. Since early 2016, the police chief has been working with Dakota County's Department of Emergency Management to coordinate the required 5-year update to the original All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. As such, the City has participated in the planning process and developed its own mitigation strategies as part of the multi-jurisdictional plan.

The draft All-Hazard Mitigation Plan was submitted to both HSEM for initial review and comment in August, 2016. County staff received HSEM comments and incorporated them into the Plan. No public comments were received after posting the Plan on the County's website. No public hearing is required under the federal guidance documents. This final draft of the Plan was then submitted to HSEM and FEMA for final review in November, 2016. The County received notification of approval of the Plan pending adoption from HSEM and FEMA on December 29, 2016 (see attached letter).

City and County staff worked collaboratively to ensure that our city, county, and townships would be eligible to receive future federal funds if a disaster occurs. The final draft of the Plan is posted on the Dakota County web site at www.co.dakota.mn.us (click [HERE](#)).

All-Hazard Plan Adoption

According to FEMA rules, cities must formally adopt the Plan within one year of its approval to be covered by the Plan. This is required in order for the County to secure Federal Disaster Public Assistance and Mitigation Grants for communities in case of a disaster. Prior to receipt of the City's resolution adopting the Plan federal disaster funds will not be available.

The work on this project does not end with adoption of the Plan. As a method to keep the Plan at the forefront, the implementation of the mitigation strategies outlined in the Plan will be monitoring during meetings of the Dakota County Domestic Preparedness Committee, of which the police chief is a member of.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None, except the City must have an approved and adopted plan to be eligible for both federal disaster relief and mitigation project grant dollars.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

In order to comply with the one-year plan adoption requirement and to ensure the City is eligible to receive disaster funds, staff recommends adopting the 2016 update to the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan by passing the attached draft resolution and authorize submittal of the adopted plan to HSEM and FEMA.

CITY OF SUNFISH LAKE
COUNTY OF DAKOTA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 17-

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE DAKOTA COUNTY
ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Sunfish Lake 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 Dakota 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 Dakota County Plan includes a mitigation strategy including goals and objectives and an action plan identifying specific mitigation projects and costs; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota County Plan includes a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of the plan into other planning documents and how Dakota 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 Dakota 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 Sunfish Lake supports the hazard mitigation planning effort and wishes to adopt the Dakota County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Sunfish Lake this 7th day of February, 2017.

Attest: _____
Catherine Iago, City Clerk

Richard Williams, Mayor