2017 Lake County All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

Plan Adoption Instructions

The Lake County All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (ANHMP) has been approved by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and it must now be adopted by the County and each municipality.

Adoption Instructions:

1. Download the final 2017 Lake County All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, Executive Summary, and FAQs at: http://www.lakecountyil.gov/2369/All-Natural-Hazards-Mitigation-Plan

2. Edit the “[Sample Municipal] RESOLUTION”, as appropriate, for your community. Make any desired changes, however what must stay is the first “BE IT RESOLVED”:

   “that the Lake County All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, August 2017, is hereby adopted as an official plan of the [City/Village],”

3. Present the resolution to your Council or Board before November 14, 2017. You may choose if you’d like to provide the members with a copy of the full ANHMP or just the Executive Summary. The FAQs (updated for August 2017) might be helpful to the members.

4. Messages to emphasize to your Council or Board are:

   • The ANHMP is a plan that makes us and Lake County eligible for mitigation grant funds from the FEMA. Grants funds can be applied for when a mitigation project is identified.

   • Each municipality that adopts the ANHMP should implement the parts of the ANHMP that apply to them as resources (staff time and funding) become available.

   • “Available” means through our community’s existing budget (perhaps to become a Tree City USA or a StormReady Community) or through a mitigation grant from FEMA (for a specific mitigation project). If resources are not available, then implementation of an action item is not required. The goal is for implementation of all actions, but those that cannot be implemented will be reconsidered in the future 2022 update of the ANHMP.

   • If there are parts of the ANHMP that we cannot implement (either because we choose not to or because we don’t have the resources), then there is no penalty or loss of FEMA eligibility. As long as our municipality stays in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program, we will always have FEMA funds available to us.

   • Again, the adoption of the ANHMP makes hazard mitigation grant funds available to Lake County.
Each municipality that adopts the ANHMP can apply to IEMA/FEMA for mitigation grants on their own. Ideally, there will be some countywide grants that the County will pursue, or perhaps a joint project between our municipality and the County. For example, public information activities or watershed studies.

5. Pass the resolution.

6. Send a copy of the adoption resolution to Lake County SMC.
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7. Implement the ANHMP and consider mitigation grant opportunities.

Should you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Sharon Østerby at Lake County SMC (847-377-7706). Thank you!