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## Lake County All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan – 2022 Update

### Frequently Asked Questions

**What is the Lake County All Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (ANHMP)?**

The ANHMP addresses natural hazards that may impact Lake County and identifies activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to, potential hazards (e.g., earthquakes, tornados, floods, snow, wind, hail, ice).

**Why was the ANHMP developed?**

The adoption of an ANHMP and the update of it every 5 years allows Lake County and participating Lake County municipalities to be eligible for federal disaster mitigation grants. The ANHMP also provides credit for communities that participate in FEMA’s Community Rating System (CRS), which reduces flood insurance costs in those communities.

**Who developed the ANHMP?**

The ANHMP was developed by Lake County and participating Lake County municipalities.

**What is the update “process”?**

Our update process included three (3) meetings with participating municipalities in January, February, March, and April, 2022 to review the ANHMP’s goals and action items, and to draft an updated plan. Updates on mitigation activities over the last 5 years are included in the plan. Public input and comments were also solicited. A draft of the updated ANHMP was made available for public review and sent to Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and FEMA for review and approval. Once approved, plan adoption will be recommended to the County and participating municipalities.

**The ANHMP is considered multi-jurisdictional.**

Each government agency must adopt the ANHMP to maintain federal eligibility. The County Board adoption of the ANHMP is for unincorporated areas of the County. Each municipality must adopt the ANHMP covering their corporate boundaries.

**How do we adopt the ANHMP?**

By resolution. Communities have been provided with a sample adoption resolution and instructions on where to send a copy of the resolution for IEMA and FEMA’s records.

**If we don’t adopt the 2022 ANHMP, is our community eligible for federal disaster assistance?**

Yes, the ANHMP is not tied to disaster assistance. The ANHMP is required for mitigation project grants from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Building Resilient Infrastructure, and Communities (BRIC), and the Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) Grant program. It is prudent to have an adopted hazard mitigation plan.

**Who will implement the Hazard Mitigation Plan?**

Municipalities and Lake County upon plan adoption, and with other local government partners, will implement the ANHMP, *as resources (staff time and funding) are available*. An example of a joint effort may be the development of common public information materials.

**Who do we contact about the ANHMP update?**

Feel free to contact Sharon Østerby of the SMC at [sosterby@lakecountyil.gov](mailto:sosterby@lakecountyil.gov) or 847-377-7706.