

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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INITIATED BY

Public Safety & Justice Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Shirley Klipstein
Administrative Assistant
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RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ROCK COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

1 WHEREAS, Rock County recognizes the threat that hazards pose to people and property; and,
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 3 WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for
 4 harm to people and property and save taxpayer and private property owners dollars; and the Plan's
 5 importance is reflected in inclusion in the County's Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 14); and,
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 7 WHEREAS, Rock County participated in the planning process with other local units of government to
 8 update the Rock County Hazardous Mitigation Plan; and,
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 10 WHEREAS, preliminary approval by FEMA qualifies the County to request its adoption; and,
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 12 WHEREAS, adoption of the updated Rock County Hazardous Mitigation Plan by Rock County, its
 13 cities and villages qualifies communities for various hazardous mitigation grant programs.
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 15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
 16 assembled this 16th day of February, 2011, does hereby adopt the Rock County Hazard
 17 Mitigation Plan as an element of the Rock County Comprehensive Development Plan.
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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the updated Plan be forwarded to the cities and villages in Rock
 20 County for their adoption, thereby making their communities eligible for various hazardous mitigation
 21 grant programs.
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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Rock County Emergency Management will submit, on behalf of
 24 the participating municipalities, the adopted Rock County Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Wisconsin
 25 Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency for final approval.

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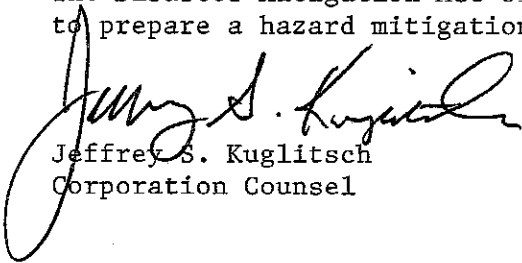
This resolution authorizes Emergency Management to submit an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan thereby making the County eligible for various hazard mitigation grant programs.



Jeffrey A. Smith
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) requires local governments to prepare a hazard mitigation plan to be eligible for federal funding from FEMA.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

Executive Summary

A comprehensive emergency management system addresses four major components: preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. This Resolution covers the mitigation component.

Mitigation seeks to:

- permanently reduce exposure of lives and property through a redesign of the physical environment; and
- establish programs and policies that promote behaviors that reduce the likelihood of damage or risk.

Mitigation reflects the quality of what we collectively learn from disasters and our willingness to act on what we have learned.

Every five years, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires Rock County to update its Hazard Mitigation Plan. The County received a \$30,000 grant to hire a consultant through the Wisconsin Emergency Management to update the County's Plan. The County's portion of the grant was \$3,750 or 12.5%.

FEMA has given preliminary approval of the Plan. The County, cities and villages must now adopt the plan in order to be eligible for the following grant programs:

- **Hazard Mitigation Grant,**
- **Pre-Disaster Mitigation,**
- **Flood Mitigation Assistance, and**
- **Repetitive Flood Claims program.**

(Note – town action is not required as towns are included within the County's jurisdiction for the purposes of this Plan.)

This Plan update will be used to guide and coordinate future mitigation activities and decisions for local land use policy. Proactive mitigation planning will reduce the cost of disaster response and recovery to the community and its property owners by protecting critical community facilities, reducing liability exposure, and minimizing overall community impacts and disruption. The Plan update is incorporated into the County's Comprehensive Plan (Chapter 14).

(Note – the 2004 Plan was adopted by Planning and Development and the Public Safety and Justice Committees.)