



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS
City Council Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: November 4, 2019

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Agenda Item: Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Resolution

Explanation: The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) has led the completion of the Tri-County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazards Mitigation Plan with its consulting partner, American Environmental Corporation, that involves 15 jurisdictions in the region. FEMA recently informed TCRPC that it has provided tentative approval of the plan. TCRPC received a grant from FEMA to complete the plan with no cost to the respective jurisdictions. A series of meetings were held over the last two years to provide feedback. The plan covers different natural hazards that may occur in the region, such as tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, and winter storms. It helps set region-wide goals and objectives for the identification of natural hazards and the protection of critical public infrastructure and facilities. Perhaps the biggest impact for each jurisdiction is the ability to obtain grants in the event of a natural disaster. In order to qualify for any grants, each participation entity is required to pass a resolution adopting the plan, which is then sent to FEMA.

The plan is very lengthy. The full plan can be downloaded through TCRPC's website at <https://tricityrpc.org/environment/hazard-mitigation>. The plan will expire on October 23, 2024 and TCRPC will start looking at updating this plan in 2023.

Fiscal Impact: Adoption of the plan allows municipalities to become eligible for federal mitigation grant funds.

Recommendation/

Committee Discussion Summary: Staff recommends approval.

Action Requested: Approval of the attached resolution at the November 4 City Council meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TRI-COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL
NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF WASHINGTON,
ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the City of Washington is subject to natural hazards including severe thunderstorms, severe winter storms, floods, tornadoes, and drought among others, that pose risks to public health and property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington desires to prepare and mitigate for such natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that local jurisdictions have in place a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a condition of receipt of certain future Federal mitigation funding after November 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan was updated in accordance with the regulations of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and the guidance provided by FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Washington has participated in updating the Tri-County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan covering member jurisdictions of Tazewell County, Woodford County and participating Peoria County municipalities:

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City of Washington hereby:

1. Adopts the updated Tri-County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the City of Washington; and
2. Agrees to participate in the annual and 5-year updates to this updated Plan.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ day of _____, 2019.

AYES: _____

NAYES: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk