



## CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

### City Council Agenda Communication

**Meeting Date:** January 2, 2024

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**Agenda Item:** Resolution – Tazewell County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

**Explanation:** The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) has led the completion of the Tazewell County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan with its consulting partner, American Environmental Corporation, that involves numerous jurisdictions in the county. 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 in exchange for staff participation. A series of meetings were held over the last year 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 county-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 American Environmental's website at <https://americanenvironmental.sharefile.com/d-s9b0b04a8e7264e009abda5b091856d54>. The plan will be valid for five years and it is anticipated that TCRPC will start looking at updating this plan in 2028 along with any annual maintenance.

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

**Action Requested:** Approval of the attached resolution at the January 2 City Council meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON ADOPTING THE  
2023 TAZEVELL COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL  
MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Washington recognizes the threat that natural and man-made hazards, including severe thunderstorms, severe winter storms, floods, and tornadoes among others, pose to people and property within the City of Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Washington has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2023 Tazewell County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1986, and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 Tazewell County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the City of Washington from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption by the City of Washington demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2023 Tazewell County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

The City of Washington adopts the 2023 Tazewell County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and agrees to participate in the annual maintenance and evaluation of the Plan.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS** \_\_\_\_\_ **day of** \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**AYES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAYES:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk