

**COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART, INDIANA
RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 14**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LAKE COUNTY
MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Hobart recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property;
and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for
harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hobart participated jointly in the planning process with other local units of
government within the County to prepare a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

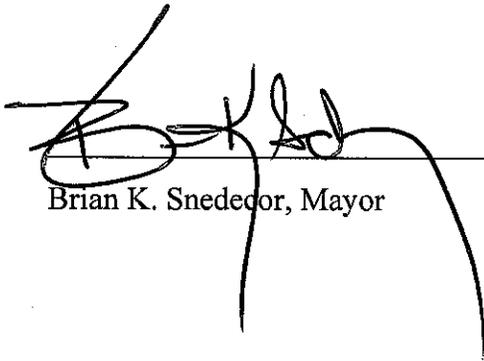
WHEREAS, the Lake County Commissioners adopted the Lake County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
as an official plan by Resolution 2019-03 on June 5, 2019 and submitted the same to the Indiana
Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency
(FEMA) for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Council having never formally adopting the plan, desires to do so now to remain in
compliance with FEMA regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

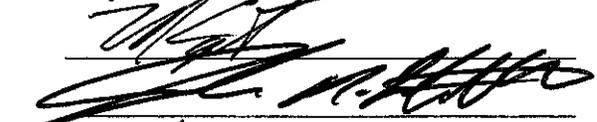
That the City of Hobart Common Council hereby adopts the Lake County Multi-Hazard
Mitigation Plan as adopted by the Lake County Commissioners as the City of Hobart's official
plan and will submit this resolution to IDHS and FEMA for their records.

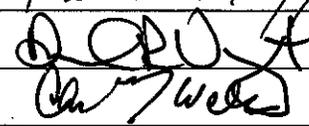
SO RESOLVED ON THIS 19th DAY OF October, 2022

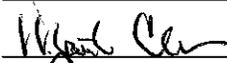


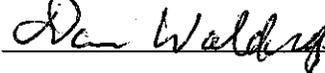
Brian K. Snedecor, Mayor

City of Hobart Common Council



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Dan Waldrop


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Attest: 

Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer

ADOPTING THE LAKE COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Lake County recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, an adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future grant funding for mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, Lake County participated jointly in the planning process with the other local units of governments within the County to prepare a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lake County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Lake County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lake County Department of Homeland Security / Emergency Management Agency will submit on behalf of the participating municipalities the adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for final review and approval.

ADOPTED THIS 5th Day of June, 2019



Kyle W. Allen Jr. - County Commissioner 1st District



Jerry Tippy - 2nd County Commissioner 2nd District



Michael C. Repay - County Commissioner 3rd District

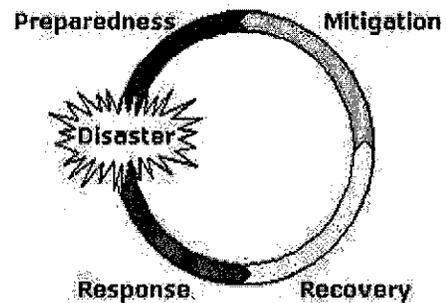


Attest - John Patalas - County Auditor



The Lake County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) defines the disaster life cycle as the process through which emergency managers respond to disasters when they occur; help people and institutions recover from them; reduce the risk of future losses; and prepare for emergencies and disasters. The Lake County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) focuses on the mitigation phase of the disaster life cycle. According to FEMA, mitigation is most effective when it's based on an inclusive, comprehensive, long-term plan that is developed before a disaster occurs. The MHMP planning process identifies hazards, the extent that they affect the municipality, and formulates mitigation practices to ultimately reduce the social, physical, and economic impact of the hazards.



In order for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) communities to be eligible for future mitigation funds, they must adopt either their own MHMP or participate in the development of a multi-jurisdictional MHMP. Further, it is required that local jurisdictions review, revise, and resubmit the MHMP every 5 years. As representatives from **Lake County, Cedar Lake, Crown Point, Dyer, East Chicago, Gary, Griffith, Hammond, Highland, Hobart, Lake Station, Lowell, Merrillville, Munster, New Chicago, Schererville, Schneider, St. John, Whiting, and Winfield** have provided information, attended meetings, and participated in the planning process, the planning process used to update the Lake County MHMP satisfies the requirements of a multi-jurisdictional plan.

During Planning Committee meetings, those in attendance revisited existing (in the 2011 MHMP) and identified new critical facilities and local hazards; reviewed the State's mitigation goals and updated the local mitigation goals and updated the local mitigation goals; reviewed the most recent local hazard data, vulnerability assessment, and maps; evaluated the effectiveness of existing mitigation measures and identified new mitigation projects; and reviewed materials for public participation. Meetings were also conducted with key groups such as City Planners and various emergency responders and their information will continue to be incorporated into the MHMP update.

Risk Assessment

The risk assessment conducted for the Lake County MHMP is based on the methodology described in the Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Guidance published by FEMA in 2013 and is incorporated into the following sections:

1. **Hazard Identification** lists the natural, technological, and political hazards selected as having the greatest direct and indirect impact to the County as well as the system used to rank and prioritize the hazards.
2. **Hazard Profile** for each hazard, discuss the 1) historic data relevant to the municipalities where available; 2) vulnerability in terms of number and type of structures, repetitive loss properties (flood only), estimation of potential losses, and impacts based on an analysis of development trends; and 3) the relationship to other hazards identified.
3. **Hazard Summary** provides an overview of the risk assessment process; a table summarizing the relationship of the hazards; and a composite map to illustrate areas impacted by hazards.

When considering the hazards selected for study (drought; earthquake; extreme temperature; flood; hail, thunder, wind; tornado; wildfire; winter storm & ice; dam failure; and hazardous materials incidents) and the information obtained regarding the hazard profile and the hazard summary, the attached table identifies the hazards studied and ranking outcome. The ranking is completed utilizing the Calculated Risk Priority Index (CPRI), a tool by which individual hazards are evaluated and ranked according to an indexing system considering probability, magnitude, warning time, and duration for any hazard.

1. **Probability** is defined as the likelihood of the hazard occurring over a given period.
2. **Magnitude/Severity** is defined by the extent of the injuries, shutdown of critical infrastructure, the extent of property damage sustained, and the duration of the incident response.
3. **Warning Time** is defined as the length of time before the event occurs.
4. **Duration** is defined as the length of time that the actual event occurs. This does not include response or recovery efforts.

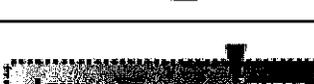
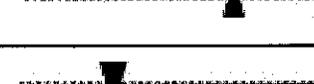
Mitigation Goals and Practices

The overall goal of the Lake County MHMP is to reduce the social, physical, and economic losses associated with hazard incidents through emergency services, natural resource protection, prevention, property protection, public information, and structural control mitigation practices.

As part of the planning process the Planning Committee discussed the strengths and weaknesses of existing mitigation practices and made recommendations for improvements, as well as suggested new practices. To provide further detail, information on the local status, local priority, benefit-cost ratio, project location, responsible entity, and potential funding source will be included with regard to each proposed practice. Those practices ranked by participants as a high priority are anticipated to be implemented within five years from the final Plan adoption and additional steps, or an implementation plan is included for each.

Plan Maintenance

The successful implementation of the MHMP will require the participation and cooperation of the entire Planning Committee to successfully monitor, evaluate, and update the Lake County MHMP. Local jurisdictions are required to update and resubmit the MHMP every five years. Information gathered following individual hazard incidents and annual meetings will be utilized along with updated vulnerability assessments to assess the risks associated with each hazard common in Lake County.

TYPE OF HAZARD	LIST OF HAZARDS	WEIGHTED AVERAGE GPI
Natural	Drought	
	Earthquake	
	Extreme Temperature	
	Fire	
	Flood	
	Hail/Thunder/Windstorm	
	Landslide/Subsidence	
	Tornado	
	Winter Storm/Ice	
Technological	Dam Failure	
	Hazardous Materials Incident	
	Levee Failure	