

LETTER OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

Town of Garden City

October 3, 2024

Re: "Statement of Intent to Participate" as a participating jurisdiction in Weld County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)

Dear Weld County Emergency Management

In accordance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) requirements, under 44 CFR §201.6, which specifically identify criteria that allow for multi-jurisdictional mitigation plans, the Town of Garden City is submitting this letter of intent to confirm that the Town of Garden City has agreed to participate in the Weld County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning effort.

Due to Colorado DHSEM grant obligations, Commitment Letters must be submitted January 2024 to secure funding for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates. Weld County will start the update to the plan in 2025 and submit the plan to the state for review in fall of 2026. This update will replace the 2021 HMP.

Further, as a condition to participating in the mitigation planning, the Town of Garden City agrees to meet the requirements for mitigation plans identified in 44 CFR §201.6 and to provide such cooperation as is necessary and in a timely manner to Weld County to complete the plan in conformance with FEMA requirements.

The Town of Garden City understands that it must engage in the following planning process, as more fully described in FEMA's *Local Mitigation Planning Handbook* dated March 2023 including, but not limited to:

- Identification of hazards unique to the jurisdiction;
- The conduct of a vulnerability analysis and an identification of risks, where they differ from the general planning area;
- The formulation of mitigation goals responsive to public input and development of mitigation actions complementary to those goals. A range of actions must be identified specific for each jurisdiction;
- Demonstration that there has been proactively offered an opportunity for participation in the planning process by all community stakeholders (examples of participation include relevant involvement in any planning process, attending meetings, contributing research, data, or other information, commenting on drafts of the plan, etc.);
- Documentation of an effective process to maintain and implement the plan;
- Formal adoption of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan by the jurisdiction's governing body (each jurisdiction must officially adopt the plan).

Therefore, with a full understanding of the obligations incurred by an agreement between the Lead Jurisdiction and the Participating Jurisdiction, I, Mayor Fil Archuleta commit the Town of Garden City to the Weld County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning effort.

Executed this 15th day of October, 2024

Mayor Fil Archuleta_____