

# VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



## BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: May 13, 2025

**To:** Village President and Board of Trustees

**Through:** Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

**From:** Joshua Burman, Director of Public Works

**Topic:** Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Resolution

### PURPOSE

The Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (CCMJHMP) is a comprehensive initiative led by the Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (EMRS) in collaboration with over 120 municipalities and agencies. Its primary goal is to identify and address risks from natural hazards such as floods, severe storms, and extreme temperatures. By developing coordinated mitigation strategies, the plan aims to reduce the impact of disasters, protect lives and property, and enhance community resilience across the county.

The Village of Homewood has participated in this planning since November 2014. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that each participating partner adopt the plan by resolution with each five-year update to the plan. Staff recommends the Village Board pass a resolution adopting the 2024 update for the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

### PROCESS

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that the CCMJHMP be updated every five years. Cook County Emergency Management and Regional Security (EMRS) has updated the 2019 CCMJHMP, which now includes 125 participating jurisdictions/partners, making Cook County's plan the largest in the nation.

The planning area for the hazard mitigation plan encompasses Cook County and includes the incorporated and unincorporated jurisdictional areas of Cook County, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) service area, and Cook County Forest Preserve District. The result of these combined efforts has been to produce an Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP).

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Key elements of the 2024 CCMJHMP update include:

- 125 total jurisdictions/partners participating in the 2024 Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (CCMJHMP).
- The hazard identification and profiling in the hazard mitigation plan addresses the following natural hazards considered to be of paramount importance within Cook County. It is important to note that the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that all “natural hazards” be addressed in this plan. The natural hazards include dam or levee failure, drought, earthquake, flood, severe weather, severe winter weather, tornado, and wildfire.

The CCMJHMP consists of two Volumes:

- Volume 1 is the base plan that applies to all participants, providing context about Cook County and the natural hazards that exist here.
- Volume 2 consists of mitigation action items from each participating municipality and Cook County. This volume describes the mitigation actions that will reduce the impacts of natural hazards particular to each community and Cook County.

Adoption of the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan makes the Village of Homewood eligible to apply for grant funds through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

### **OUTCOME**

Approval of this resolution will ensure that the Village of Homewood will continue to be a participant in this important collaboration of over 120 municipalities and agencies.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

None

### **LEGAL REVIEW**

Completed

### **RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION**

Pass a resolution adopting the 2024 update for the Cook County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

### **ATTACHMENT(S)**

Resolution