

Fire Department

To: Common Council

From: Chief Tanya Reynen

Date: July 3, 2025

Subject: Adoption of Jefferson County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025-2029

Background

The Jefferson County Emergency Management team has completed its review and update of the *Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan* for 2025–2029, as required under the federal **Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000**. This Act mandates that local jurisdictions adopt a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan to be eligible for federal pre-disaster mitigation grant funding.

Watertown participated in the development of the countywide plan, contributing local input and feedback. Adoption of this plan by the City is a necessary step in maintaining eligibility for future hazard mitigation grants.

Key Points

- This plan supplements—not supersedes—Watertown’s local emergency management plans.
- It outlines mitigation strategies to reduce risks from natural hazards and enhance community resilience.
- Adoption of this plan positions Watertown to access federal funding for eligible projects.

Budget Goal

Maintains a safe and healthy community, with an eye toward future needs and trends

Financial Impact

No financial impact.

Recommendation

Approve the resolution that adopts the Jefferson County 2025-2029 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.