

Common Council Report

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Resolution Adopting the 2023 Rock County Hazard Mitigation Plan
Meeting Date: May 2, 2023
Presenter: Scott Marquardt, Chief of Police
Department: Police Department

Conformance with Strategic Plan:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Affordability & Financial Stability
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Safe, Inclusive, Welcoming Community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diverse Opportunities for Fun and Life-Long Learning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High Performing Organization with Professional Staff
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment for Business Success with Thoughtful Growth and Development

Summary

Adoption of the 2023 Rock County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Analysis and Key Issues

The State of Wisconsin, in partnership with FEMA, has identified opportunities to assist communities in reducing future disaster losses through several mitigation activities. Mitigation efforts may result in a significant decline in the cost of a disaster's impact down the road. In fact, for every dollar spent on mitigation activities, \$6 dollars in future damages may be avoided.

As directed by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, local governments must prepare, adopt, and update a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to be eligible for certain Federal assistance programs. Local hazard mitigation plans form the foundation of a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repetitive damage.

Rock County prepared its original Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2004, with subsequent updates in 2010 and 2017. This plan, the 2023 update, replaces the 2017 plan for all cities, villages, and towns in Rock County. The updated plan serves as a roadmap that outlines potential cost-effective hazard mitigation activities, some of which might be available for future grant funding. The plan highlights the risks and vulnerabilities that Rock County faces from natural disasters and highlights mitigation strategies that may reduce future losses.

The completed plan was sent to Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) on January 31, 2023. WEM determined that the plan met State and Federal requirements on April 18, 2023, and FEMA issued final approval on April 20, 2023. Rock County adopted the plan on April 13, 2023. Each participating city, village, and township must adopt the plan independently through resolution.



Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact.

Recommended Motion

The City Administration recommends the approval of Resolution 2023-11.

Attachments

- None