

INTRODUCTION

Part V of the Lincoln County All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update describes the plan adoption, implementation, monitoring, evaluation and maintenance.

PLAN UPDATE ADOPTION

The adoption of the Lincoln County All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update lends itself to serve as a guiding document for all local government officials. It also certifies to program and grant administrators from the FEMA and WEM that the plan's recommendations have been properly considered and approved by the governing authority and the jurisdiction's citizens. Finally, it helps to ensure the continuity of mitigation programs and policies over time because elected officials, staff, and other community decision-makers can refer to the official document when making decisions about the community's future.

Before adoption of the Plan Update by the incorporated areas, the update must be sent to the state and federal level to verify that all DMA2K requirements are met. Once a draft of the updated Plan has been completed, it is submitted to the State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) at the state level at WEM. Previous drafts of the update have already been reviewed prior to this submittal. The SHMO will determine if the updated Plan meets DMA2K and/or other state program requirements. Upon approval of the draft by WEM, the SHMO is responsible for showing the update to the FEMA Region V Office for review.

Prior to final approval by WEM and FEMA, the update must be formally adopted by Lincoln County and its incorporated areas by resolution. Incorporated communities that do not adopt the Plan Update cannot apply for mitigation grant funds unless they opt to prepare, adopt, and submit their own plan. Adoption of the Plan Update gives the jurisdiction a legal basis to enact ordinances, policies, or programs to reduce hazard losses and to implement other mitigation actions.

All general purpose units of government (i.e. cities, towns) within Lincoln County were offered one or more avenues to participate in the development of this Plan Update. Adoption of the Plan by a local unit of government certifies their participation. The Lincoln County Board has adopted this Update. Resolutions of adoption are contained in APPENDIX B.

PLAN UPDATE IMPLEMENTATION**Administrative Responsibilities**

Once the Plan Update has been approved, stakeholders must be informed. The County Emergency Management Director will distribute copies to stakeholders. The County will make the Plan Update available to the public by linking the report on the Internet.

Along with monitoring the progress of the action projects, Lincoln County's Emergency Management Director and Emergency Management Committee should also work to secure funding to implement the Plan Update. State and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and foundations continually make grants available. Emergency Management should research these grant opportunities to determine eligibility for the County and its local units of government.

When implementing this Plan Update, innovative ways should be considered to involve active participation from nonprofit organizations, businesses, and citizens to implement the Update. The relationship between these groups will result in greater exposure of the Plan Update and provide greater probability of implementation of the action projects listed.

The role of department administrators, elected officials, and local administrators are to ensure that adopted actions from Part IV are considered in their budgets. It is understood that projects may not be carried out as they are scheduled in Part IV due to budget constraints. However, since many of these action projects are considered an investment in safeguarding the public's health, safety, and property, they should be carefully considered as a priority.

Promote Success Of Identified Projects

Upon implementing a project covered by this Plan Update, it is important to promote the accomplishment to the stakeholders and to the communities. This will help inform people that the update is being implemented and is effective.

Incorporation Into Other Local Planning Mechanisms

FEMA requires a process by which the mitigation plan is incorporated into other planning mechanisms where appropriate. When undergoing any planning process, County departments, local units of government and/or any professional staff assisting them, typically review and incorporate any related pre-existing plans as a matter of course. However, to help ensure this outcome, Lincoln County has established a two-part process to incorporate the All Hazards Mitigation Plan into other County and local planning efforts as follows:

- Notification of County Departments and Local Units of Government - Upon adoption of the All Hazards Mitigation Plan, the County EM Director will distribute a letter that explains how the Plan applies to other planning efforts they might undertake and how to obtain copies of the Mitigation Plan.
- Promotion by EM Director - The EM Department will promote incorporation of the All Hazards Mitigation Plan as the EM Director is made aware of or becomes a participant in any new planning process.

The upcoming County Comprehensive Plan Update has been identified for incorporation of the All Hazards Mitigation Plan, as follows:

Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan

The following concepts will be considered when developing the next Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan Update, based on the nine elements of the Wisconsin comprehensive planning law:

- *Issues and Opportunities Element* – a summary of major hazards local government is vulnerable to, and what is proposed to be done to mitigate future losses from the hazards.
- *Housing Element* – an inventory of the properties that are in the floodplain boundaries, the location of mobile homes, recommendation on building codes, shelter opportunities, and a survey of homeowners that may be interested in a voluntary buyout and relocation program.
- *Utilities and Community Facilities Element* – identify critical facilities such as shelter, schools, medical, water infrastructure, etc. and make recommendations on how to mitigate specific risks factors
- *Transportation Element* – identify any transportation routes or facilities that are more at risk during flooding, winter storms, or hazardous material spills.
- *Agricultural, Natural Resources, and Cultural Resources Element* – identify the floodplains and agricultural areas that are at risk to hazardous events. Incorporate recommendations on how to mitigate future losses to agricultural areas.
- *Economic Development Element* – describe the impact past hazards have had on County and municipal business.
- *Intergovernmental Cooperation Element* - identify intergovernmental police, fire, and rescue service sharing agreements that are in effect, or which may merit further investigation, consider cost-sharing and resource pooling on government services and facilities.
- *Land Use Element* - describe how flooding has impacted land uses and what is being done to mitigate negative land use impacts from flooding; map and identify hazard areas such as floodplains, hazardous materials areas, and soils with limitations.
- *Implementation Element* – have action plans from this Plan implemented into comprehensive plans.

PLAN UPDATE MONITORING, EVALUATION AND MAINTENANCE

Planning is an ongoing process. Because of this, this document should grow and adapt in order to keep pace with growth and change of the County and its local jurisdictions. DMA2K requires that local plans be evaluated and updated at least every five years to remain eligible for assistance.

The Plan will be monitored and evaluated on an annual basis as needed by Emergency Management. The Lincoln County Emergency Management Director will evaluate incoming information against the contents of the Plan to determine possible need for revisions; and bring that information to the County Public Safety Committee to discuss the evaluation and potential revisions to the Plan as needed. The Emergency Management Director is encouraged to consult/coordinate with the NCWRPC in the event of any revision.

Plan monitoring also includes evaluating and revising following disaster events to determine if the recommended actions are appropriate given the impact of the event. The risk assessment (Part III) should also be reviewed to see if any changes are necessary based on the pattern of disaster damages.

Full updates are required every five years. As a result, every fifth year, the review will be expanded to an overall plan update to meet FEMA requirements. All stakeholders and the public will again be involved in the update process. The County will conduct a survey and open comment meeting. This also provides an opportunity to inform on the progress of any projects.

The Lincoln County Emergency Management Committee and County Board must approve all changes and updates to the Plan.