



City Commission Agenda Report

City of Kalamazoo

Date: **10/16/2023**

Item: **G.10.**

TO: Mayor Anderson, Vice Mayor Cooney, and City Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Resolution Adopting the Kalamazoo County Hazard Mitigation Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a resolution approving and adopting the 2022 Kalamazoo County Hazard Mitigation Plan (KCHMP) and authorizing the City Clerk to sign the resolution.

BACKGROUND:

In the November 2, 2020 business meeting, the Kalamazoo City Commission authorized participation in the planning process to update the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan (KCHMP).

The planning process and the plan's update have been completed. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of Michigan have reviewed and approved the updated plan. A formal resolution adopting the updated plan is now needed from the City of Kalamazoo.

Disasters can cause loss of life, damage buildings and infrastructure, and have devastating consequences for a community's economic, social, and environmental well-being. Hazard mitigation is an effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. Hazard mitigation keeps natural hazards from becoming natural disasters. Hazard mitigation is best accomplished when based on a comprehensive, long-term plan developed before a disaster strikes. Mitigation planning is the process used by state, tribal, and local leaders to understand risks from natural hazards and develop long-term strategies that will reduce the impacts of future events on people, property, and the environment.

The KCHMP is a functional public document based on an "All-Hazards/Whole Community" approach to resiliency, as mandated at the State and Federal levels, to qualify for grant funding related to pre-disaster mitigation and post-disaster relief assistance. Participation in the planning process and adoption of the current plan is mandatory to be a part of the KCHMP.

STRATEGIC VISION ALIGNMENT:

Strategic Goal Impact:

Safe Community- Creating a safe environment for living, working, and playing

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Appropriate Depth of Engagement

Inform (one-way conversation) – no feasible alternatives available due to legal/regulatory restrictions, standards and best practices, or resource limitations; the community will be made aware of the project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No immediate fiscal impact. Adoption of the plan allows the City and County to apply for future grants which require an adopted plan to be in place.