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2021 HMP Update Changes

- This section was previously 2.0 Plan Adoption.
- The resolutions issued to support adoption of the HMP update by each jurisdiction are included in Appendices Vol. II – F Plan Adoption Resolutions.

8.1 OVERVIEW

This section contains information regarding adoption of the HMP update by Warren County and each participating jurisdiction. The Plan was submitted to the New Jersey State Hazard Mitigation Officer on September 14, 2021. It was forwarded to FEMA for final review and approval-pending-adoption on October 13, 2021. FEMA granted approval-pending-adoption on November 5, 2021. Full approval from FEMA was received on [insert date]. Appendix Volume II – G Plan Adoption Resolutions includes the local resolutions passed by Warren County and each of the 22 municipalities. A completed Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool can be found in Appendix Volume II – D Plan Review Tool.

8.1.1 PLAN ADOPTION BY LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES

Adoption by the local governing bodies demonstrates the commitment of Warren County and each participating jurisdiction to fulfill the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in the HMP. Adoption legitimizes the HMP and authorizes responsible agencies to execute their responsibilities.

Each participating jurisdiction will proceed with formal adoption proceedings when FEMA provides conditional approval of this HMP update, known as Approval Pending Adoption (APA). Each participating jurisdiction understands that a conditional approval of the HMP will be provided for those municipalities that meet the planning requirements with the exception of the adoption requirement as stated above. The sample resolution to support adoption of the plan by each jurisdiction is included on the following page.

Following adoption or formal action on the HMP, each participating jurisdiction must submit a copy of the resolution or other legal instrument showing formal adoption (acceptance) of the HMP update to the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Coordinator. Warren County will forward the executed resolutions to the NJOEM – Mitigation Division, and they will be subsequently forwarded to FEMA. Each participating jurisdiction understands that FEMA will transmit acknowledgement of verification of formal plan adoption and the official approval of the plan to the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Plan Coordinator.

In addition to being required by DMA 2000, adoption of the plan is necessary because:

- It lends authority to the plan to serve as a guiding document for all local and state government officials;
- It gives legal status to the plan in the event it is challenged in court;
- It certifies the program and grant administrators that the plan's recommendations have been properly considered and approved by the governing authority and jurisdictions' citizens; and
- 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.

8.2 SAMPLE RESOLUTION

This section includes a sample resolution a municipality can use to adopt the Warren County HMP.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WARREN COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the (Insert Municipality), NJ, has experienced natural hazards that result in public safety hazards and damages to private and public property and;

WHEREAS, the hazard mitigation planning process set forth by the State of New Jersey and the Federal Emergency Management Agency offer the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future risks and;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management has provided federal mitigation funds to support development of an updated mitigation plan and;

Whereas, a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the County Department of Public Safety and Mitigation Planning Committee and;

Whereas, the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan includes a prioritized list of mitigation actions including activities that, over time will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property and;

WHYEREAS, the draft plan was provided to each participating jurisdiction through a website hosted by Michael Baker International, Inc. (Michael Baker), the contracted vendor assisting with the planning process. Links were links also posted on the Department of Public Safety website so as to introduce the planning concept and to solicit questions and comments and to present the Plan and request comments, as required by law and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the (Insert Municipality):

1. The Warren County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as submitted on September 14, 2021 by the Warren County Department of Public Safety to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and submitted on October 13, 2021 to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and subsequently approved by both agencies on November 5, 2021, be and is hereby adopted as an official plan of the County of Warren; with the required yearly updates and minor revisions recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and/or the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management may be incorporated without further action.
2. The (Insert Municipality) departments identified in the Plan are hereby directed to further pursue potential or suggested implementation of the recommended high priority activities that are assigned to their departments.
3. Any action proposed by the Plan shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if required, which shall be at the discretion of the (insert Municipality), and this resolution shall not be interpreted so an to mandate any such appropriation.
4. The (Municipality) Emergency Management Coordinator is designated to coordinate with other offices and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare an annual progress report to be submitted to the New Jersey Office of

Emergency Management. The status reports shall be submitted on a yearly basis by a predetermined date agree upon by all stakeholders.

BE IT FURHER RESOLVED that the (Title) forward a certified true copy of this resolution to the Warren County Department of Public Safety, (Add whoever else is to receive a copy). PASSED by the (insert governing body) of the (insert municipality), on this (Insert Day) day of (Insert Month), 2021.