



Memo

To: Honorable Mayor Armitage; City Council
From: Erin LaPere, City Manager
Date: January 12, 2022
Re: Staff report on Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan update participation

Background

The city has been invited to participate in the update of the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The current plan was approved in 2015 and covers Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties. A FEMA-approved plan is a requirement for receiving certain types of non-emergency funding for hazard mitigation projects. In order to participate in the process, and be eligible for that funding, the city must have a representative attend the planning meetings and provide feedback on the plan elements and drafts, as needed; provide data on community's current capabilities; identify a hazard mitigation action in the plan update; and formally adopt the plan by resolution once it has been approved by FEMA.

As a participating jurisdiction, administration must complete a capabilities assessment. The capabilities assessment is a critical piece of the planning process which helps develop the appropriate mitigation strategies for the plan to be effective. The assessment will review the city's plans, building codes/permitting, land use planning/ordinances, administration and technical capabilities and staffing, funding resources, and programs or other organizational resources. The city will benefit by engaging in a thorough review of its current hazard mitigation capabilities along with the funding eligibility benefits of being a participating jurisdiction. The tri-county team has engaged with Tidal Basin Group to serve as the planning consultant and project manager leading the efforts to update this plan. A flyer detailing the benefits of participation is attached for Council's review.

Recommendation

Administration recommends City Council approves administration's participation in the planning process and appoints City Manager LaPere as Representative and Fire Chief Vogel as Alternate.

Financial Impacts

Provides eligibility for certain grant funding programs.

Suggested Motion

City Council approves participation in the update to the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan process and appoints City Manager LaPere as Representative and Fire Chief Vogel as Alternate.

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