

Section 6

EXECUTING THE PLAN

44 CFR Requirement 201.6 (c) (4)(i)

[The plan maintenance process shall include a] section describing the method and schedule of monitoring, evaluating, and updating the mitigation plan within a five-year cycle.

6.1 Plan Implementation

The Carver County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee process was overseen by Carver County Emergency Management. The plan will then be submitted to the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for approval. The Carver County Board of Commissioners and all cities and townships will formally adopt the plan by resolution in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

Each jurisdiction participating in this plan is responsible for implementing specific mitigation actions as prescribed in the mitigation strategies. In each mitigation strategy, every proposed action is assigned to a specific local department or agency in order to assign responsibility and accountability and increase the likelihood of subsequent implementation. This approach enables individual jurisdictions to update their unique mitigation strategy as needed without altering the broader focus of the countywide plan. The separate adoption of locally specific actions also ensures that each jurisdiction is not held responsible for monitoring and implementing the actions of other jurisdictions involved in the planning process.

In addition to the assignment of a local lead department or agency, an implementation time period or a specific implementation date has been assigned in order to assess whether actions are being implemented in a timely fashion. As necessary, Carver County and its participating jurisdictions will seek outside funding sources to implement mitigation projects in both the pre-disaster and post-disaster environments. When applicable, potential funding sources have been identified for proposed actions listed in the mitigation strategies.

6.2 Evaluation

All members of the Carver County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and the emergency management director will be responsible for ensuring that the Carver County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is evaluated as required. The evaluation will include analyzing current mitigation projects and evaluating success and reevaluating future mitigation needs and prioritization based upon changes in needs and/or capabilities of Carver County.

The Carver County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee will reconvene annually to ensure that projects are on track and to reevaluate the mitigation goals, objectives, and action steps. The mitigation plan shall be viewed as an evolving, dynamic document.

6.3 Multijurisdictional Strategy and Considerations

The Carver County emergency management director will lead activities for mitigation planning countywide. All cities and townships within the county are participating in this process through active involvement on the Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee.

6.4 Plan Update

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that the Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan be updated at least once every five years. The Carver County emergency management director will be responsible for ensuring that this requirement is met. The Carver County emergency management director and the Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee will annually review the plan for needed updates. The Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee will be involved in this process to ensure all jurisdictions provide input into the planning process. The public will be invited to participate in this process through public hearings.

6.5 Plan Maintenance

44 CFR Requirement 201.6 (c) (5)

The plan shall include documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan (e.g., City Council, County commissioner, Tribal Council). For multijurisdictional plans, each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan must document that it has been formally adopted.

It is the intention of all documented plan participants to formally adopt the Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan after each maintenance revision. Once all participants adopt the changes, the revised plan will be submitted to HSEM and FEMA. The plan will be revised and maintained as required under the guidance of the Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and formally adopted by the Board of Commissioners after each revision.

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The plan maintenance process shall include a discussion on how the community will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process.

Public participation will be sought throughout the implementation, evaluation, and maintenance of the hazard mitigation plan. This participation will be sought in a multitude of ways, including but not limited to periodic presentations on the plan's progress to elected officials, schools, or other community groups; annual questionnaires or surveys; public meetings; and postings on social media and interactive websites.

6.6 Incorporation into Existing Planning Mechanisms

It will be the responsibility of each participating jurisdiction to determine additional implementation procedures when appropriate. This includes integrating the requirements of the Carver County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan into other local planning documents, processes, or mechanisms such as the following:

- Comprehensive plans
- Strategic plans
- Capital improvement plans
- Growth management plans
- Ordinances, resolutions, and regulations
- Continuity of operations plans

Opportunities to integrate the requirements of this plan into other local planning mechanisms will continue to be identified through future meetings of the Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee and through the five-year review process as required by FEMA.

The primary means for integrating mitigation strategies into other local planning mechanisms will be through the revision, update, and implementation of each jurisdiction's individual plans that require specific planning and administrative tasks (for example, plan amendments, ordinance revisions, capital improvement projects, etc.).

The members of the Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee will remain charged with ensuring that the goals and strategies of new and updated local planning documents for their jurisdictions or agencies are consistent with the goals and actions of the Carver County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and will not contribute to increased hazard vulnerability in Carver County or its participating municipalities.

During the planning process for new and updated local planning documents, such as a comprehensive plan, capital improvements plan, or emergency management plan, Carver County will provide a copy of the Carver County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to the appropriate parties and recommend that all goals and strategies of new and updated local planning documents are consistent with and support the goals of the Carver County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and will not contribute to increased hazards in the affected jurisdiction(s).

Although it is recognized that there are many possible benefits to integrating components of this plan into other local planning mechanisms, the development and maintenance of this stand-alone hazard mitigation plan is deemed by the Carver County Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee to be the most effective and appropriate method to ensure implementation of local hazard mitigation actions at this time.

All organizations will incorporate the Carver County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan into existing plans in an effort to mitigate the impact of future disasters.