Part V of the Dodge County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan describes the plan adoption, implementation, and evaluation and maintenance.

Plan Adoption

The adoption of the Dodge County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan lends itself to serve as a guiding document for all local government officials. It also certifies to program and grant administrators from 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 by the incorporated areas, the Plan must be sent to the State and Federal level to verify that all DMA2K requirements are met. Once a draft of the Plan has been completed, it is submitted to the State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) at the State level at WEM. Previous drafts of the Plan have already been reviewed prior to this submittal. The SHMO will determine if the Plan meets DMA2K and/or other State program requirements. Upon approval of the draft by WEM, the SHMO is responsible for showing the Plan to the FEMA Region V Office for review.

After review and approval by FEMA, the Plan must be formally adopted by Dodge County and its incorporated areas (county, cities and villages) by a resolution. Incorporated communities that do not adopt the Plan cannot apply for mitigation grant funds unless they opt to prepare, adopt and submit their own plan. According to FEMA Region V, unincorporated areas (towns) do not have to formally adopt the Plan. Adoption of the Plan gives the jurisdiction legal authority to enact ordinances, policies, or programs to reduce hazard losses and to implement other mitigation actions. Resolutions of adoption are contained in Appendix B.

Plan Implementation

Administrative Responsibilities

Once the Plan has been approved, stakeholders will be informed. The County Emergency Management Director will distribute copies to these stakeholders. The County will make the Plan available to the public by linking the Plan on their website.

During implementation of the Plan, the County Emergency Management Director and Committee will take the role as overseer. As the developers of the Plan, the Director and Committee will monitor its progress. They will help ensure that the Plan is used and not sidetracked by political or personal concerns, and hold the local governments and departments accountable for implementing the actions described in Part IV. It is also their role to reference the Plan when evaluating and making political decisions.

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

When implementing this Plan, the Director and staff team will consider innovative ways to involve active participation from nonprofit organizations, businesses and citizens to implement

the Plan. The relationship between these groups will result in greater exposure of the Plan and provide greater probability of implementation of the action projects listed.

The role of the department administrators, elected officials, local administrators are to ensure that adopted actions from Part IV are considered into 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 will be carefully considered as a priority. Cost benefit reviews will be completed as funds become available. There is also the use of fees, taxes, bonds and loans to finance projects if there is proper state enabling legislation, local authority and enough political will.

Coordination with Comprehensive Plans

As Dodge County and its local units develop their comprehensive plans, incorporation of the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan is highly recommended. Wisconsin comprehensive planning law includes a detailed description of nine elements. The following concepts will be considered when incorporating the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan into the nine elements of the County and local comprehensive plans.

- Issues and Opportunities Element a summary of major hazards local governments are vulnerable to, and what is proposed to be done to mitigate future losses from hazards.
- Housing Element an inventory of the properties that are in the floodplain boundaries, the location of mobile homes, recommendations on building codes, shelter opportunities, and a survey of homeowners that may be interested in a voluntary buyout and relocation program.
- Transportation Element identify any transportation routes or facilities that are more at risk during flooding, winter storms, or hazardous materials spills.
- Agricultural, Natural Resources and Cultural Resources Element identify the floodplains and agricultural areas that are at risk to hazardous events and 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.

Promote Success of Identified Projects

Upon implementation of a project covered by this Plan, it is important to promote the accomplishment to the stakeholders and to the communities. This will be done by posting accomplishments on the website and by publishing press releases. This, in turn, will help inform people that the Plan is being implemented and is effective.

Plan Evaluation and Maintenance

Planning is an ongoing process. Because of this, this document will 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.

It has been decided by the Committee that all parts of the Plan be evaluated and updated on an annual basis. Within this period, the Dodge County Emergency Management Director will evaluate incoming information in the Plan to prepare for the revisions. It is recommended that the Committee discuss evaluation and revisions to the Plan one year from its adoption month.

It has also been decided by the Committee that the Plan be evaluated and revised following disasters, to determine if the recommended actions are appropriate, give the impact of the event. This risk assessment (Part III) will also be revised to see if any changes are necessary based on the pattern of disaster damages. The Emergency Management Director must approve all additions and updates to the Plan.

The Committee will be sure to keep all stakeholders and the public in the County informed of the progress of the projects. This will be done by holding strategic meetings and posting any proposed changes on Emergency Management's website. When looking for more specific involvement, a survey or open comments meeting will be conducted every five years.