

Racine County Hazard Mitigation Plan, 4th Edition

- Adopted plan required for County and municipalities to apply for FEMA hazard mitigation grants
 - BRIC, FMA, HMGP as opportunities become available
 - FEMA looks to tie potential grants to strategies presented in the plan
 - Does not obligate any new spending

- 5-year update cycle, this is the 4th edition of the Racine County plan
 - 3rd edition expired November 2022, County not eligible for FEMA grants until County Board adopts 4th edition
 - Planning grant timelines do not necessarily line up with the County update cycle due to available funding from FEMA
 - County planning grant started in December 2021 and ends September 2024

- 4th edition update process:
 - Local Planning Team's initial meeting on April 13, 2022
 - Draft chapters prepared by SEWRPC
 - LPT meeting and public informational meeting to review held May 31, 2023
 - SEWRPC Hazard Mitigation Planning webpage – www.sewrpc.org/hmp
 - Draft plan, meeting agendas, summary notes, and presentations
 - Public Comment ability
 - Review and adoption process
 - County Board adoption originally anticipated for May 2024
 - Accelerated review process to expedite grant eligibility should County or participating municipality wish to pursue a project
 - FEMA approval
 - Wisconsin Emergency Management reviewed the revised draft plan and determined that the plan meets FEMA requirements on December 28, 2023
 - No significant substantive changes are expected to be required
 - Adoption resolution(s) to be submitted to Wisconsin Emergency Management for submission to FEMA
 - The County will not have to adopt again after FEMA approval
 - Final Publication
 - SEWRPC will prepare the final publication by the end of the grant period (September 2024)
 - Suggested changes (from County Board, FEMA, LPT, or public) can still be incorporated into the final publication if provided by the end of April 2024
 - All jurisdictions have one year from WEM approval (until December 27, 2024) to adopt the plan to be eligible for FEMA hazard mitigation grants.
 - Towns are covered by County adoption

- Notes on plan elements
 - Chapter 1 – Introduction and Background
 - Natural, weather-related hazards
 - Additions to local outreach and implementation activities can still be made
 - Chapter 2 – Basic Study Area Inventory and Analysis
 - Updated demographic, land use, natural resource trends and projections
 - Critical community facilities (also see Appendix C) can still be revised
 - Chapter 3 – Analysis of Hazard Conditions
 - Hazard identification and prioritization, LPT risk assessment
 - Full profiles for seven hazards
 - Tornadoes
 - Inland Flooding
 - Severe Thunderstorms Combined
 - Temperature Extremes
 - Lake Michigan Coastal Hazards
 - Severe Winter Storms
 - Drought
 - Chapter 4 – Hazard Mitigation Goals and Objectives
 - Largely unchanged from 3rd edition
 - Chapter 5 – Hazard Mitigation Strategies
 - Analysis of alternative strategies, review of current programs
 - Recommended measures (structural, non-structural, public info and educational)
 - Chapter 6 – Plan Adoption, Implementation, Maintenance, and Revision
 - Potential programs and funding sources (also see Appendix E)
 - Appendices
 - Local Planning Team Members, Meeting Agendas, and Meeting Summary Notes
 - Emergency Services and Facilities in the Racine County Planning Area
 - Critical Community Facilities in Racine County
 - Disaster Supply Kit for the Racine County Planning Area
 - Potential Funding Programs to Implement Plan Recommendations Within Racine County
 - Racine County Board of Supervisors and Participating Jurisdictions Adoption Resolutions
 - Invitation to Surrounding Communities for Review and Comment on the Draft Racine County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
 - Vulnerable Populations in Racine County as of 2020