

Oswego Township, Illinois

Resolution No. 2024-05

A Resolution of Oswego Township adopting the
2024 Kendall County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS the Oswego Township Board of Trustees recognizes the threat that natural and man-made hazards, including severe thunderstorms, severe winter storms, floods, and tornadoes among others, pose to people and property within Oswego Township; and

WHEREAS the Oswego Township has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2024 Kendall County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS the 2024 Kendall County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Oswego Township from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Oswego Township demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlines in the 2024 Kendall County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Oswego Township, ILLINOIS, THAT:

The Oswego Township Board of Trustees adopts the 2024 Kendall County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and agrees to participate in the annual maintenance and evaluation of the Plan.

ADOPTED by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against, and 0 abstaining, this 9th day of APRIL, 2024.

CERTIFIED by


Joe West Supervisor

ATTESTED by


Ken Holmstrom Clerk

Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

The County's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) evaluates damage to life and property from natural and man-made hazards that have impacted the County and participating jurisdictions and identifies projects and activities to reduce these damages before an event occurs. The HMP fulfills federal planning requirements of the Stafford Act as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and the Disaster Recovery and Reform Act.

The main benefit of updating the HMP is that the participating jurisdictions can remain or become eligible to apply for and receive federal hazard mitigation funds to implement the mitigation actions identified in the Plan. In order to access certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, jurisdictions must be a participant of a current, FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan.

The final step in the update process is having each of the participating jurisdictions adopt the Plan by formal resolution. This is a FEMA requirement to access hazard mitigation funds. These funds, made available through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant program, can help provide local government entities with the opportunity to complete mitigation projects that would not otherwise be financially possible. There are three primary Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding programs: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

Once the adoption resolutions from the participants are received, they will be submitted to FEMA who will issue the final Approval Letter, which begins the five-year approval period and sets the expiration date for the HMP. HMPs must be reviewed, revised, and resubmitted to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (IEMA-OHS) and FEMA at least once every five years to remain current and effective.

Any jurisdiction that chooses not to adopt the Plan will not be eligible to apply for mitigation assistance funding; however the decision not to adopt the HMP will not affect the eligibility of those who do.

The heart of the HMP is the ***mitigation strategy, which contains a list of the projects and activities developed by each participating jurisdiction to reduce the potential loss of life and property damage*** that results from the hazards identified in the risk assessment section of the Plan. ***Adoption of the Plan does not obligate your jurisdiction to fund or complete the projects and activities identified for your jurisdiction in the HMP.*** This is a wish list of what your jurisdiction would like to see accomplished if funding becomes available.

In short there is no downside to adopting the HMP. It ensures your jurisdiction is eligible to apply for mitigation project funding through IEMA-OHS/FEMA in the future, but does not obligate your jurisdiction to fund or complete the projects and activities listed if funding isn't available.

This fact sheet was prepared by American Environmental Corporation, your partner in updating the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.