

**RESOLUTION 2024-08-26**

**A Resolution to Adopt the Racine County  
Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: 2023-2028**

The Village Board of the Village of Raymond, Racine County, Wisconsin, resolves as follows:

Whereas, the Racine County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 2024-3: Resolution by the Racine County Economic Development and Land Use Planning Committee Recommending Adoption of the Racine County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: 2023-2028, and

Whereas, this plan update involves no commitment to action or cost burden to municipalities and was completed through a county planning grant by SEWRPC (Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission), and

Whereas, to be eligible for hazard mitigation project funding, Cities and Villages must now adopt the updated plan with local resolutions, and

Whereas, the Village Board believes it is beneficial to the residents of the Village to adopt the plan update;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Board of the Village of Raymond to adopt Resolution 2024-08-26: A Resolution to Adopt the Racine County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: 2023-2028.

Adopted by 5-0 vote of the Village Board of the Village of Raymond this 26th day of August, 2024.

VILLAGE OF RAYMOND



KARI MORGAN – Village President



Village Clerk

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3 **RESOLUTION BY THE RACINE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND**  
4 **USE PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE RACINE**  
5 **COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE: 2023-2028**  
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7 To the Honorable Members of the Racine County Board of Supervisors:  
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9 **WHEREAS**, in December 2000, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning  
10 Commission (SEWRPC) and the Racine County Office of Emergency Management and  
11 Department of Planning and Development agreed to cooperatively prepare an all-  
12 hazards mitigation plan for Racine County;  
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14 **WHEREAS**, the initial Racine County Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted by the  
15 County and approved in 2004 and was subsequently adopted by the municipalities  
16 within the County;  
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18 **WHEREAS**, the mitigation planning requirements of 44 Code of Federal  
19 Regulations, Section 201.6(d) [44 CFR 201.6(d)] call for local hazard mitigation plans to  
20 be reviewed; updated to reflect changes in development, progress in local mitigation  
21 plan efforts, and changes in priorities; and re-approved every five years for local  
22 jurisdictions to be able to receive hazard mitigation funding;  
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24 **WHEREAS**, the Racine County Hazardous Mitigation Plan Update was guided  
25 by a planning team consisting of elected and appointed officials from the County and  
26 municipalities in the County; agency and business representatives; and citizens from  
27 throughout the County knowledgeable in hazard mitigation matters;  
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29 **WHEREAS**, the plan was designed to be consistent with the guidelines of the  
30 Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, Division of Emergency Management, and the  
31 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and with the requirements and  
32 procedures defined in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000;  
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34 **WHEREAS**, the County has duly noticed a public information meeting on the  
35 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and a public information meeting was held on  
36 Wednesday, May 31, 2023.  
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38 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Racine County Economic  
39 Development and Land Use Planning Committee hereby approves the hazard mitigation  
40 plan embodied in *SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 266 (4th*  
41 *Edition), Racine County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: 2023-2028.*  
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43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Racine County Board of Supervisors that  
44 the Racine County Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the  
45 Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), to the Racine  
46 County Office of Emergency Management and the Racine County Public Works and

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Development Services Department and to all municipal clerks within seven (7) days after this resolution is adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

1st Reading 5/14/24

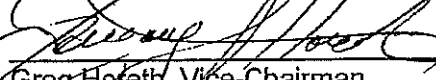
2nd Reading 5/28/24


BOARD ACTION

Adopted X  
For 19  
Against \_\_\_\_\_  
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LAND USE  
PLANNING COMMITTEE


  
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Jason Eckman, Chairman

  
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Greg Hofeth, Vice-Chairman

  
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Taylor Wishau, Secretary

  
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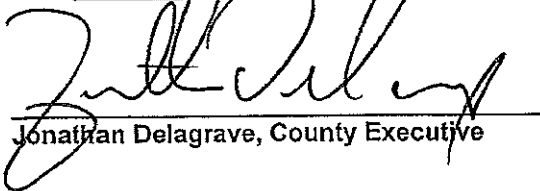
  
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Gary Kolb

The foregoing legislation adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of Racine County, Wisconsin, is hereby:

Approved: X  
Vetoed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 05-28-2024

  
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Jonathan Delagrave, County Executive

## **Racine County Hazard Mitigation Plan, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Racine County plan
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> edition expired November 2022, County not eligible for FEMA grants until County Board adopts 4<sup>th</sup> 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
  
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

# Racine County 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

## Supplemental Q&A

1. Last year FEMA updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the Fox River in the Waterford area. Are the new maps included in the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition HMPU?
  - No
    - 2024 mapping was not yet available for the majority of this update process, came around too late in the game.
    - Racine County 2019 maps were used.
    - New Fox River maps will be used in the 5<sup>th</sup> edition update and the standalone regional Fox River Watershed Mitigation Plan which is being brought forward separately.
  
2. Were there any specific, notable changes in development or environmental conditions in Racine County from the 3rd edition to the 4th that should be called out or used as an example?
  - Hazard conditions identified in the 4th edition of the plan are very similar to those in the 3rd edition of the plan.
  - Most notable change is an expanded section on potential hazards attributed to climate change, per updated FEMA guidelines.
    - Environmentally, both average temperatures and precipitation have been increasing, particularly in the late winter and early spring, leading to an increase in the frequency and severity of storms. As a result, flooding and lake shore erosion are greater hazards in the area and the plan emphasizes these accordingly.
  
3. Have there been any major notable trends in the evolution of these plans, generally, over the last twenty years as they have evolved through four updates?
  - Plans have shifted to only focus on natural hazards and no longer discuss human induced hazards, which are addressed by other types of plans (e.g. CEMP).
  - FEMA has increasingly emphasized the importance of addressing how climate change has impacted, and will continue to impact, the vulnerability of communities to natural hazards and identifying strategies to address any increased vulnerability.
  - The Commission's analysis of climate change impacts has evolved with each update of the Racine County Hazard Mitigation Plan as we gather more data and experience with how these translate to specific hazards. The availability of new tools that help assess coastal conditions and coastal changes over time has also enabled the evolution of the Commission's analysis of Lake Michigan coastal hazards in recent editions of hazard mitigation plans.
  - Finally, FEMA has emphasized the importance of evaluating the impacts of hazards on underserved communities and socially vulnerable populations.