

SECTION 3 – PLAN ADOPTION

This section of the mitigation plan contains information regarding adoption of the plan by Delaware County and each participating jurisdiction.

Adoption by the local governing bodies demonstrates the commitment of Delaware County and each jurisdiction to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in the plan. Adoption legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to execute their responsibilities. In order for the multi-jurisdictional plan to be approved, each jurisdiction included in the plan must have its governing body adopt the plan before its submission to NYSEMO and FEMA, even when a cross-jurisdiction agency has the authority to prepare such plans in the name of the respective jurisdictions.

Plan Adoption by Local Governing Bodies

Each municipality will proceed with formal adoption proceedings when FEMA provides conditional approval of this draft plan. Each municipality understands that a conditional approval of the plan will be provided for those municipalities that meet the planning requirements with the exception of the adoption requirement as stated above. Following adoption or formal action on the plan, each municipality must submit a copy of the resolution or other legal instrument showing formal adoption (acceptance) of the plan to NYSEMO. These will then be submitted to FEMA with the resolution in Appendix A of this plan. Each municipality understands that FEMA will transmit acknowledgement of verification of formal plan adoption and the official approval of the plan to the mitigation plan coordinator.

The Town and Village Boards must approve the mitigation plan before each supervisor and mayor signs page 3-2 of the mitigation plan. Likewise, the DCBOS will formally adopt the mitigation plan before the Chairman of the Board signs on page i of this mitigation plan. The resolutions issued to support adoption of the plan by each jurisdiction are included as Appendix A, Resolutions of Plan Adoption.

Although the plan will be adopted at various times by the participating jurisdictions, the process will be the similar. Each jurisdiction will announce plan availability through a public notice. Each town and village also will solicit public comment, and place consideration and adoption of the plan on the respective agendas of their governing Boards. The documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing bodies of the jurisdictions requesting approval of this plan is included on page 3-2 of this mitigation plan.

The Delaware County Multi-Jurisdictional HMP is hereby adopted by each jurisdiction on the dates identified below as the official HMP for the governments of Delaware County and of the Towns and Villages listed herein. The participation in and adoption of this multi-jurisdictional plan shall not necessarily imply advocacy of or support for individual mitigation initiatives proposed by other participating jurisdictions. The adoption of this plan by each jurisdiction shall be subject to limitations as set forth in each jurisdiction's adoption resolution (see Appendix A for the Adoption Resolutions).

In addition to being required by DMA 2000, adoption of the plan is necessary because:

- It lends authority to the plan to serve as a guiding document for all local and state government officials;
- It gives legal status to the plan in the event it is challenged in court;
- It certifies the program and grant administrators that the plan's recommendations have been properly considered and approved by the governing authority and jurisdictions' citizens; and
- 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.

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