

**TO:** Mayor Park and City Council  
**FROM:** Manila Shaver, Chief of Police  
**DATE:** April 5, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Participation in the All-Hazards Mitigation Planning Process

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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires counties and cities to prepare and review All-Hazards Mitigation Plans every five years. Plans must address potential natural and manmade hazards and develop mitigation strategies to reduce the impacts of hazard events both in dollars and lives saved. Counties and cities must have an approved and adopted plan to be eligible for both federal disaster relief and mitigation project grant dollars.

For Dakota County the first All-Hazards Mitigation Plan was approved by the Minnesota Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 2006. The City of Sunfish Lake has not adopted or been involved in a All-Hazard planning process, but relies on Dakota County's plan. However, FEMA has been pushing planning responsibility and mitigation steps towards the local level.

The County's All-Hazards Mitigation Plan has been on file with HSEM since 2006 and has been subject to the five-year reviews. The first five-year review was conducted in 2010, after which the County received notification of approval of the Plan on December 29, 2011. FEMA commented that it is an excellent plan, easy to use, strongly organized and well-illustrated.

While the City of Sunfish Lake does not have the public infrastructure as more urbanized communities do, it is important for the City of Sunfish Lake to be aware of and involved in an All-Hazard planning process. As such, the police chief is recommending the City adopt the attached draft resolution and will work with Dakota County staff, who continue to be responsible for the City's disaster preparedness efforts, in bringing forward concern or issue that the City may have with regarding to hazard mitigation strategies.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

This is one part of a greater effort to help secure federal disaster relief funding in recovering from disasters.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Since all participating communities must adopt the approved All-Hazards Plan within one year of HSEM and FEMA approval, the police chief is recommending the Council adopt the attached draft resolution to authorize the police chief to participate with Dakota County staff in the planning review process.

**CITY OF SUNFISH LAKE  
COUNTY OF DAKOTA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DAKOTA COUNTY  
ALL-HAZARDS MITIGATION PLANNING PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the County of Dakota coordinated preparation of an initial multi-jurisdiction All-Hazard mitigation planning process as established under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunfish Lake is served by Dakota County in the preparation and planning of disaster mitigation strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are encouraging local units of government to become more involved in disaster preparedness; and

WHEREAS, All-Hazard planning as required by HSEM and FEMA, is a disaster preparation and preparedness process; and

WHEREAS, federal law requires the plan be updated every five years, and

WHEREAS, the Act requires public involvement and local coordination among local units of government and businesses as part of the planning process; and

WHEREAS, the plan must include descriptions of land uses and development trends, risk assessment including past hazards, hazards that threaten the county, maps of hazards, and estimates of structures at risk; and

WHEREAS, the plan must include a mitigation strategy including goals and objectives and an action plan identifying specific mitigation projects and costs, in addition to ; and a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of the plan into other planning documents, and public education components; and

WHEREAS, approval of the All-Hazard mitigation plan update will continue the County's eligibility to receive federal and state Hazard Mitigation Grant Program project grants; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not preclude the City of Sunfish Lake from preparing its own plans sometime in the future should they desire to do so.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Sunfish Lake supports the County All-Hazard mitigation planning effort, agrees to participate with the County in preparing an update to the multi-jurisdictional plan.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Sunfish Lake on 5th day of April 2016.

Attest:

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Catherine Iago, City Clerk

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Molly Park, Mayor