

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
APRIL 6, 2021 AGENDA**

<p>Subject:</p> <p>To adopt the FEMA approved Pulaski County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.</p> <p>Submitted By:</p> <p>Emergency Management Division</p>	<p>Action Required:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Approved By:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SYNOPSIS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FISCAL IMPACT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECOMMENDATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BACKGROUND</p>	<p>A resolution to adopt the FEMA-approved Pulaski County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Little Rock, Arkansas.</p> <p>Potential mitigation projects, which are outlined in the plan, will have a better chance of receiving Federal Mitigation Funding for development and completion. This plan must adopted in order to receive any FEMA post-Disaster Mitigation Funding.</p> <p>Approval of the resolution.</p> <p>In 2019, the City was awarded an HMGP Grant to update Pulaski County’s 20014 Hazard Mitigation Plan, as mandated every five (5) years. The HMGP Funds were used to pay 75% of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Consultant Service costs. The remaining 25% of consultant service costs were paid by Pulaski County, the City of Little Rock, and the City of North Little Rock.</p> <p>Adoption of a Hazard Mitigation Plan presents many benefits to the City of Little Rock and its residents. By identifying problems and possible solutions in advance of a disaster, the City will be in a better position to obtain pre- and post-Disaster Mitigation Funding.</p>	

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Adoption of this Hazard Mitigation Strategy will also increase Little Rock's eligibility for assistance from FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program. In addition, the City will gain additional credit points under FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) Program, which provides discounts on National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Flood Insurance Premiums for residents of communities that voluntarily participate in this program.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan was developed over a period of twenty-four (24) months and included three (3) meetings seeking public input in the planning process. Central Arkansas Planning and Development was contracted by the City to assist in the plan update process. Their expertise was utilized to ensure that the plan update process met all of FEMA's requirements for hazard mitigation planning and was completed in a timely manner.