

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 29, 2019  
TO: Ted Corrigan, CEO and General Manager  
FROM: Vern Rash, Project Manager  
Mike McCurnin, Engineering Services Manager  
SUBJECT: 2019 Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, Public Law 106-390, is United States federal legislation passed in 2000 that amended provisions of the United States Code related to disaster relief. This act includes authorization of a program for pre-disaster mitigation, streamlines the administration of disaster relief, and provides means to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance.

One of the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 is that local governments and special districts develop a plan to assess their risks to hazards and identify actions that can be taken in advance to reduce future losses. These plans are required to be updated every five years for jurisdictions to maintain eligibility for hazard mitigation grant assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Des Moines Water Works' staff was an active participant on the Polk County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee. This committee was charged with updating the 2019 version of the Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan was finalized in February and was made available for a 30-day public comment period which ended on March 25, 2019.

Des Moines Water Works has listed four specific projects in the Plan:

1. Continued compliance with evaluation of the structural integrity of the "ring levee" that protects the Fleur Drive Operations Center and its maintenance and repair.
2. Flood gate evaluation and repairs.
3. Relocation of the existing Grounds Maintenance Building to an area on the protected side of the Corps of Engineers' levee.
4. Upgrade the Fleur Drive Operations Center stormwater handling system.

Adoption of the Plan by the Board of Water Works Trustees (the Board) would make Des Moines Water Works eligible for receiving hazard assistance mitigation grants for these and other projects. Applications for these grants would be submitted to FEMA or the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Adoption of the Plan by the Board would be by a resolution at the May Board meeting. A copy of the draft resolution is attached.

Allison van Pelt, Associate Planner for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will attend the May 7 Planning Committee Meeting to make a short presentation.

END.

**RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF THE POLK COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL  
LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**Whereas**, the Board of Water Works Trustees of the City of Des Moines, Iowa recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

**Whereas**, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

**Whereas**, the U.S Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Disaster Mitigation Act”) emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards;

**Whereas**, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

**Whereas**, an adopted Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

**Whereas**, the Des Moines Water Works fully participated in the hazard mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**Whereas**, the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VII officials have reviewed the “Polk County Multi- Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan,” and approved it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body; and

**Whereas**, the Des Moines Water Works desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**Whereas**, adoption by the governing body for the Des Moines Water Works demonstrates the jurisdictions’ commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals outlined in this Multi- Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

**Whereas**, adoption of this legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the Board of Water Works Trustees of the City of Des Moines, Iowa adopts the “Polk County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan” as an official plan; and

**Be it further resolved**, that Polk County will submit this Adoption Resolution on behalf of the Des Moines Water Works to the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division and Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VII officials to enable the plan’s final approval.

By: **DRAFT**  
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Diane Munns, Chairperson  
Board of Water Works Trustees of the City of Des Moines, Iowa

Date: \_\_\_\_\_