

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Brad Martens , City Manager
DATE: March 17, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 Ramsey County, MN Hazard Mitigation Plan
ITEM NUMBER: 8.e
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

Approve resolution 25-17 adopting and supporting the 2025 Ramsey County, MN Hazard Mitigation Plan

INTRODUCTION

A hazard mitigation plan is a federally required document under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000). This law mandates that all states, counties, and communities maintain an approved mitigation plan to be eligible for certain federal disaster assistance. This plan ensures Shoreview's eligibility for federal disaster mitigation funding while proactively addressing risks to enhance our community's resilience.

DISCUSSION

The Ramsey County, MN Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is updated approximately every five years in accordance with DMA 2000 to use the most recent demographic data, identify priority hazards and mitigation strategies, and evaluate critical infrastructure risks and hazards affecting Ramsey County, including the City of Shoreview. It serves as a framework upon which hazard mitigation projects and strategies can be coordinated across the entire county, and the process ensures that all jurisdictions consider new and emerging hazards, the impacts of growth, development, and social vulnerability on hazards in our area, and considers the impact of real-world events.

The revised HMP assesses and ranks major natural, technological, and human-caused hazards based on factors such as frequency of occurrence, economic impact, and potential for deaths and injuries. Mitigation recommendations are based on input from state and local agencies, public feedback, and national best practices. While the primary focus remains on evaluating Ramsey County's exposure to natural hazards and identifying appropriate mitigation actions, this HMP update also expands the scope to include technological and human-caused hazards and is crafted in compliance with federal mitigation planning requirements.

The HMP is a truly multi-jurisdictional plan that applies to all of Ramsey County. In addition to the City of Shoreview, this plan includes participation and input from Ramsey County and the municipalities of Arden Hills, Falcon Heights, Gem Lake, Lauderdale, Little Canada,

Maplewood, Mounds View, New Brighton, North Oaks, North Saint Paul, Roseville, Saint Anthony, Saint Paul, Vadnais Heights, White Bear Lake, and White Bear Township. Each of these municipalities will separately adopt the HMP as their own, meaning that the entire county will now use a single assessment and planning methodology to better coordinate across jurisdictions.

Once approved by Ramsey County and each municipality, the plan will be submitted by the Minnesota Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for final approval. Once approved as final adoption, Ramsey County Emergency Management and Homeland Security will forward a copy of the letter to the City's Emergency Management Director which is the Lake Johanna Fire Department.

An executive summary and the hazard mitigation plan are attached to this report.

RECOMMENDATION

Consider a motion to approve resolution 25-17 adopting and supporting the 2025 Ramsey County, MN Hazard Mitigation Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

[Resolution 25-17 adopting and supporting the 2025 Ramsey County MN Hazard Mitigation Plan.pdf](#)

[Executive Summary.pdf](#)

[Ramsey County, MN HMP 2025.pdf](#)