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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The purpose of hazard mitigation is to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards. Oregon County and participating jurisdictions and school districts developed this multi-jurisdictional local hazard mitigation plan update to reduce future losses from hazard events to the County and its communities and school districts. This iteration of the plan is an update of a plan that was approved on January 5, 2012. The plan and the update were prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to result in eligibility for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs.

The County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is a multi-jurisdictional plan that covers the following eight jurisdictions that participated in the planning process:

- Oregon County
- City of Alton
- City of Koshkonong
- City of Thayer
- Alton R-IV
- Couch R-I
- Oregon-Howell R-III
- Thayer R-II

Oregon County and the entities listed above developed a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan that was approved by FEMA on January 5, 2012. This current planning effort serves to update that previously approved plan.

The plan update process followed a methodology prescribed by FEMA, which began with the formation of a Mitigation Planning Committee (MPC) comprised of representatives from Oregon County and participating jurisdictions. The MPC updated the risk assessment that identified and profiled hazards that pose a risk to the County and analyzed jurisdictional vulnerability to these hazards. The MPC also directed the planner-in-charge to analyze the capabilities in place to mitigate the hazard damages, with emphasis on changes that have occurred since the previously approved plan was adopted. The planner-in-charge determined that the planning area is vulnerable to several hazards that are identified, profiled, and analyzed in this plan. Flash flooding, winter storms, and tornadoes are among the hazards that historically have had the most significant impact.

### Oregon County Mitigation Planning Committee

Name	Title	Department	Jurisdiction/Agency/ Organization
Patrick Ledgerwood	Presiding Commissioner	County	Oregon County
Eric King	Alderman	City	City of Alton
George Hunt	Mayor	City	City of Koshkonong
Mark Arnold	EMD/Fire Chief	City	City of Thayer
Eric Allen	Superintendent	School	Alton Schools
Allen Moss	Superintendent	School	Couch Schools
Seth Bryant	Superintendent	School	Oregon-Howell Schools
Tonya Woods	Superintendent	School	Thayer Schools

### Additional Oregon County Stakeholder Representatives

Name	Title	Department	Jurisdiction/Agency/ Organization
Rusty Warren	Police Chief	City	City of Alton
John Wrenfrow	Associate Commissioner	County	Oregon County
Edward Casey	Associate Commissioner	County	Oregon County
JJ Travis	SEMA Regional Representative	State	State Emergency MGMT
Monty Smith	RHSOC Coordinator	Regional	Regional Planning Agency
Tonya Foster	Clerk	City	City of Thayer
Charles Alford	Assessor	County	Oregon County

Based upon the risk assessment, the MPC updated goals for reducing risk from hazards. The goals are:

- (1) Protect the lives and property of all citizens;
- (2) Preserve functioning of civil government during natural disasters; and
- (3) Maintain economic activities essential to the recovery from natural disasters.

To advance the identified goals, the MPC developed recommended mitigation actions, which are detailed in Chapter 4 of this plan. The MPC developed an implementation plan for each action, which identifies priority level, background information, ideas for implementation, responsible agency, timeline, cost estimate, potential funding sources, and more.

## PREREQUISITES

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**44 CFR requirement 201.6(c)(5): The local hazard mitigation plan shall include documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan. For multi-jurisdictional plans, each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan must document that it has been formally adopted.**

This plan has been reviewed by and adopted with resolutions or other documentation of adoption by all participating jurisdictions and schools districts. The documentation of each adoption is included in Appendix D, and an example of the resolution used by the participating jurisdictions is included on the following page.

The following jurisdictions participated in the development of this plan and have adopted the multi-jurisdictional plan.

- Oregon County Commission
- City of Alton
- City of Koshkonong
- City of Thayer
- Alton R-IV
- Couch R-I
- Oregon-Howell R-III
- Thayer R-II

## Model Resolution

Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_

### **Adopting the Oregon Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

**Whereas**, the (*Name of Government/District/Organization seeking FEMA approval of hazard mitigation plan*) recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

**Whereas**, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will attempt to 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 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 (*Name of Government/District/Organization*) fully participated in the hazard mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**Whereas**, the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VII officials will review the “Oregon County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan,” and approved it as to form and content; and

**Whereas**, the (*Name of Government/District/Organization*) desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to remain eligible and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the Oregon County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**Whereas**, adoption by the governing body for the (*Name of Government/District/Organization*) demonstrates the jurisdictions’ commitment to furthering the effort of the mitigation goals outlined in this Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**Whereas**, adoption of this legitimizes the plan and authorizes local agencies to carry out actions under the plan;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that the (*Name of Government/District/Organization*) has adopted the “Oregon County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan” as an official plan.

Date:

Certifying Official: \_\_\_\_\_