

## Legislation Text

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### **Item Description:**

2024 Hennepin County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan

### **WHEREAS:**

WHEREAS, Hennepin County has participated in the hazard mitigation planning process as established under the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a framework for the development of a County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Plan includes a risk assessment including county disaster history, an inventory of hazards that threaten the County, an estimate of infrastructure at risk, a general description of population, land use and development trends; and

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Plan includes a mitigation strategy including goals and objectives and an action plan identifying specific mitigation projects and costs that will reduce disaster impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Plan includes a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of the plan into other planning documents and how Hennepin County will maintain public participation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been shared with the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, this Hennepin County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan is multi-jurisdictional in scope and that cities that participated in the planning process may choose to adopt the County Plan and be included in eligibility to apply for federal mitigation grants.

### **Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners adopts the 2024 Hennepin County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

### **Background:**

The primary aim of mitigation is to protect lives by increasing the survivability of disaster situations. Mitigation also makes good economic sense. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), for every federal dollar spent on pre-disaster mitigation, six dollars are saved in disaster response and recovery costs. The 2024 Hennepin County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan is significantly improved from previous plans. Extensive research has been focused on detailed assessments of the natural hazards effecting the county. New knowledge has been employed to better focus mitigation efforts locally. This work will continue so that future mitigation projects can be directed to the places most in need of them.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency requires a formal adoption document to complete the approval process for the county's Plan. This request seeks adoption of the 2024 Hennepin County All Hazards

Mitigation Plan

**Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval