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To: Benzie County Local Jurisdictions – Townships/Villages
From: Rebecca Hubers – Benzie County Emergency Management Coordinator
Re: Adoption of the Benzie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

I want to thank you for your input and for allowing me time at previous year's meetings to discuss with you the Benzie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Our most recent draft of the plan has met State of Michigan and FEMA requirements to move forward. The plan is approximately 348 pages. A link to the draft plan can be found at link:

https://www.benzieco.gov/Document%20Center/Government/Emergency%20Management/Benzie%20Final%20HMP_Dec%202023.pdf

or on the emergency management page of the www.benzieco.gov website.

Our next step is for adoption of the plan by participating jurisdictions for it to be considered "approved." An approved and adopted plan allows for jurisdictions to apply for and/or receive FEMA mitigation grants from the following programs:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- HMGP Post-Fire
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities
- Flood Mitigation Assistance

Attached to this correspondence is a sample resolution of plan adoption (drafted by our partners at Networks Northwest). I also attached the acknowledgement letter from FEMA and a "status list" drafted from Mr. Frank Post in 2015 noting which communities approved the previous plan. This list may help you find your previous drafted resolution if you choose to reference it again.

My hope is that your community will again consider adopting the Benzie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan that will stay on record for the next five years.

I will be more than happy to attend your next meeting (or at your convenience) to answer any questions you or your community may have regarding the 2023/24 Benzie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me for any of your emergency management related needs.

Township/City/Village	Adoption	
Benzie County BOC	Resolution	
Benzie County LPT	Resolution	Local Planning Team (LPT)
Almira Township	Resolution	
Benzonia Township	Resolution	
Blaine Township	No Adoption	Took no vote, did not see the need to be a part of plan
Colfax Township	Resolution	
Crystal Lake Township	Resolution	
Gilmore Township	Resolution	
GT Band Of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians	Resolution	Tribal Lands on Hoadley Rd.
Homestead Township	10/5/15	Planning Commissions Voted to recommend Meet with Board Regarding Adoption
Inland Township	Resolution	Approved at 6/15/15 meeting Need copy of resolution
Joyfield Township	Resolution	
Lake Township	Resolution	
Platte Township	Resolution	
Weldon Township	Resolution	
Village of Benzonia	Resolution	
Village of Beulah	Resolution	
Village of Elberta	Resolution	
Village of Honor	Resolution	
Village of Lake Ann	Resolution	
Village of Thompsonville	No Adoption	Advised they voted not adopt Hazard Mitigation Plan
City of Frankfort	Resolution	



FEMA

December 5, 2023

Mr. Matt Schnepf
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Michigan State Police
Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division
P.O. Box 30634
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Mr. Schnepf:

Thank you for submitting the 2023 Benzie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan update for our review. The plan was reviewed based on the local plan criteria contained in 44 CFR Part 201, as authorized by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The Benzie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan met the required criteria for a multi-jurisdiction hazard mitigation plan. **Formal approval of this plan is contingent upon the adoption by the participating jurisdictions of this plan.** Once FEMA Region 5 receives documentation of adoption from the participating jurisdictions, we will send a letter of official approval to your office.

An approved local mitigation plan, including adoption by the local government, is one of the conditions for applying for and/or receiving FEMA mitigation grants from the following programs:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- HMGP Post-Fire
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities
- Flood Mitigation Assistance

Please note that participating jurisdictions that adopt the plan more than one year after APA status has been issued must either:

- Validate that their information in the plan remains current with respect to both the risk assessment (no recent hazard events, no changes in development) and their mitigation strategy (no changes necessary); or
- Make the necessary updates before submitting the adoption resolution to FEMA.

We look forward to receiving the adoption resolution(s) and discussing options for implementing this mitigation plan. If there are any questions from either you or the communities, please contact Meghan Cuneo, at (202) 615-5294 or email at Meghan.Cuneo@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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Resolution Number: 3.19.2024 #__

Date: 3.19.2024

5-Yr Update of Nature Hazard Mitigation Plan

Whereas, all jurisdictions within Benzie County have exposure to natural, technological and human-induced hazards that may damage or destroy life, property, the environment, or local economy; and

Whereas, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate damages and impacts to life, property, the environment or local economy; and

Whereas, The Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre- and post- disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

Whereas, the 2023 Benzie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan 5 Year Update has been developed in accordance to the DMA of 2000 to reflect the concerns of the citizens and stakeholders of Benzie County; and

Whereas, Crystal Lake Township previously adopted the 2015 Benzie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan on Feb 10, 2015 by *Resolution No. 2.10.15-o5*

Whereas, Crystal Lake Township affirmed participation in the maintenance of the 2023 Benzie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and committed to participating in the update of the Plan no less than once every 5 years; and

Whereas, the 2023 Benzie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan provides a set of actions to reduce risk from natural hazards through education and outreach programs, establishes a foundation for coordination among agencies in Benzie County, identifies future mitigation projects, and meets the qualifications for federal assistance programs in order to be eligible for FEMA pre-disaster and post-disaster mitigation grant funding;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

The Crystal Lake Township Board hereby adopts the 2023 Benzie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan 5 Year Update as an official plan of Crystal Lake Township.

So moved by Supervisor Ferris; Seconded by _____

Roll Call Vote:

Brooke Popp _____
Judy VanMeter _____
William Northway _____

Richard Nielsen _____
Amy Ferris _____

The supervisor declared this motion carried and duly adopted.

_____ Judy VanMeter, Crystal Lake Township Clerk