

Manitowoc County Planning & Zoning Department

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TO:

City Manager/Mayor

FROM:

Andrea Raymakers, Manitowoc County Planning & Zoning Department

DATE:

October 10, 2014

RE:

Manitowoc County All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The Manitowoc County Emergency Management Director, the staffs of the Manitowoc County Planning & Zoning Department and many other Manitowoc County and City of Manitowoc/Two Rivers/Kiel officials have worked diligently for the past 18 months to develop the *Manitowoc County All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update*. The County's adoption of the Plan, anticipated for October 14, 2014, will cover the County's unincorporated area making each of the County's 18 Towns eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster programs and grants.

However, the County's adoption of the Plan Update alone <u>will not cover</u> incorporated Cities and Villages. By adopting the *Manitowoc County All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update*, your community will also be eligible to participate in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), and FEMAs Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program.

More importantly, without having an adopted plan in place, should disaster strike, your community would not be eligible for federal grants or relief until you developed and adopted an All Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – at your own cost. The time and resources it will take to develop your plan update after disaster strikes will almost certainly add to your residents' hardships at a time when prompt relief and assistance is most needed.

A copy of the "Manitowoc County, Wisconsin Hazard Mitigation Plan" can be found at: http://www.baylakerpc.org/media/46503/man haz plan update (final draft 4-10-2014).pdf

Adoption of the plan by your community requires the community's adoption of the plan by resolution. A copy of the resolution adopting the Plan Update should be sent to Manitowoc County Planning & Zoning Department, Attn: Andrea Raymakers.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.