

RESOLUTION # 104-05

**ADOPTING THE FOND DU LAC COUNTY ALL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Eden recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property; and

**WHEREAS**, under taking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save tax payer dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, an adopted all hazards mitigation plan is required as a condition of future grant funding for mitigation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Eden participated jointly in the planning process with Fond du Lac County and the other local units of government within the County to prepare an All Hazards Mitigation Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Board of the Township of Eden, hereby adopts the Fond du Lac County All Hazards Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fond du Lac County Emergency Management Department will submit, on behalf of the Township, the adopted All Hazards Mitigation Plan to Wisconsin Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency officials for final review and approval.

PASSED: 03/14/2005

Brenda J. Gosens  
Certifying Official

*The following is an article from the upcoming Wisconsin Emergency Management Digest and was written by Roxanne Gray, WI State Hazard Mitigation Officer. This article explains the importance of having a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan as a requirement for obtaining various types of mitigation project grant funding. It is important to note that the proposed activities outlined in the plan DO NOT require funding and implementation although these grants may help pay for those types of projects should a community choose to make the improvements.*

## LOCAL MITIGATION PLANS DUE NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

What happens if a community does not have a mitigation plan on November 1, 2004? This is the date that certain consequences and limitations related to disaster assistance go into effect if a community doesn't have such a plan. So, what will really happen?

In October 2002, FEMA issued an interim final rule regarding dates and related requirements for local and state mitigation plans. A subsequent rule, issued on October 2003, modified one of those dates. The current effective regulations are found at 44 CFR Parts 201 and 206.

The November 1, 2004, deadline is not a "drop-dead" deadline. When the date has come and gone, it won't mean the end of planning. Planning won't come to a screeching halt and the opportunity to seek mitigation funds will not be lost forever. Communities can and should continue to develop and adopt plans after that date, and funds to support the planning will continue to be made available through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) and the Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) Programs.

But November 1, 2004 is a very important date to keep in mind because there are certain consequences and limitations that will go into effect on that date.

For the HMGP, after November 1, 2004, funding will only be available in states that have an approved mitigation plan. As set forth in current federal regulations, there are two consequences or limitations if a community does not have an approved mitigation plan. 1) For disasters declared prior to November 1, 2004, a community without a plan can apply for and receive an HMGP project grant, but must commit to developing the plan while implementing the project. 2) For disasters declared after November 1, 2004, a community without a plan cannot receive HMGP project grant funds. It may, however, apply for a planning grant under the 7% of HMGP funds available for planning.

For the PDM, the November 1, 2004 deadline does not affect PDM funding. A community without an approved plan may apply for PDM funding for plan development, but communities must have an approved plan in order to receive a PDM project grant. This means that the community's mitigation plan has to be approved before a project grant is awarded.

There are presently 40 (28 counties, 11 municipalities) and 3 tribal organizations developing all hazards mitigation plans in the State. These plans have been funded through Project Impact, HMGP and PDM. For more information, contact State Mitigation staff or your Regional Director.