

Resolution authorizing the use of Floodplain Relief Program funds for a Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse has over two thousand structures in the high-risk flood zone, where property owners with federally backed mortgages are required to purchase flood insurance; and

WHEREAS, flood insurance has been increasing in cost and in some cases places a significant economic burden on property owners; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Floodplain Relief Program is to provide a financial relief program to owners of property in the high-risk flood zones, to protect health, safety, and welfare and to stabilize and improve property value; and

WHEREAS, a flood hazard mitigation plan will be able to provide a holistic approach to program funding assistance through public participation, risk and vulnerability assessments, and analysis of mitigation alternatives; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for a planning process in 2019, City staff requested outside assistance in estimating the cost for a plan, which ranged between \$130,000 and \$160,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it here by authorizes its officers, staff, and consultants to use Floodplain Relief Program funds for a Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that up to \$160,000 be allocated from Fund 5848205-521614-RPLC for the plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds appropriated for this plan be used by staff to implement the above stated planning process, and staff are hereby authorized to implement above stated planning process.