

**Agenda Item 22-1242 (Lewis Kuhlman)**

Resolution adopting the City of La Crosse Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan of August 2022.

**General Location**

Parts of the city in the floodplain.

**Background Information**

The intent of the Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan (FHMP) is to assess flood risk and vulnerabilities and identify mitigation projects to reduce flood impacts. La Crosse will be eligible for grant assistance to fund prioritized projects included in a FEMA-approved FHMP. The plan's key principles include:

- to reduce the flooding impacts to public and private infrastructure,
- to increase local capacity to manage the city's floodplain management program,
- to engage the public and key stakeholders across the city in development, and
- to comply with all local, state, and federal floodplain management regulations and recommendations.

Risk reduction recommendations range from large-scale structural projects (evaluation of the existing emergency levees and potential improvements) to programmatic and nonstructural flood mitigation strategies (retrofitting for buildings and updating and enforcing floodplain management ordinances).

**Recommendation of Other Boards and Commissions**

None

**Consistency with Adopted Comprehensive Plan**

The recommendations of the plan support Land Use objectives for targeted redevelopment, stemming property deterioration, and urban ecology.

**Staff Recommendation**

**Approval** – this plan will help City staff qualify for federal grants to remove buildings from the floodplain.

**Routing** J&A 11.1.2022