



# BALLWIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

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Date: July 22, 2015

To: Tom Aiken, Interim City Administrator

From: Chief Steven Schicker

Subject: St. Louis Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

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Tom,

Federal Statute requires that the All Hazard Mitigation Plan be updated and readopted every five years. In Missouri, SEMA has funded East-West Gateway (EWG) to prepare an update to the regional plan, last completed in 2009-10, on behalf of the five Missouri Counties (City of St. Louis, and Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles and St. Louis counties) and for 135 participating municipalities and 50 school districts. Planning partners included STARRS, county emergency managers, Municipal League representatives, St. Louis Area Regional Coalition of Community Organizations Active in Disaster, and Education Plus. Plans in Illinois are prepared by each county.

The plan was prepared in accordance with guidelines established by the FEMA and SEMA. These agencies have authority for the final review and approval of the plan. EWG submitted the draft plan to SEMA and FEMA in December 2014, and a final draft plan was submitted on March 31, 2015 and FEMA approved the plan on July 13, 2015.

This plan is designed to help protect public safety and prevent loss of life or injury in the event of a natural disaster. It is also designed to reduce risk to existing and future development and to prevent damage to each community's unique economic, cultural and environmental assets. The All Hazard Mitigation Plan will also help to improve the operational effectiveness of local governments and school districts following any natural disaster, by providing recommendations for advance preparation.

Additionally, current rules require that local governments and school districts applying for federal pre-natural disaster mitigation funding must have a FEMA approved plan. Any community and/or school district seeking pre-natural disaster mitigation funding must formally adopt the plan by resolution in order to be eligible for FEMA/SEMA funding. Although voluntary, plan adoption by Missouri communities and school districts is highly encouraged by EWG. Adopting the plan allows for participation and is a requirement for many state and federally funded programs.

The recommendations contained in this Plan are guidelines for voluntary action. Local jurisdictions adopt the Plan, then identify priorities and carry out those elements of the Plan that best serve local community needs and challenges. Not all elements of the plan are applicable; the City of Ballwin can pick those that best qualify for our jurisdiction.

The language of the template resolution has been vetted and approved by FEMA to participate in this plan. I recommend the Board of Aldermen pass the resolution language for the St. Louis Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Steven Schicker

Attachment

(LOCAL GOVERNING BODY/SCHOOL DISTRICT), Missouri

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE (LOCAL GOVERNING BODY/SCHOOL DISTRICT) ADOPTING THE ST. LOUIS REGIONAL ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2015-2020 (UPDATED 2015)

WHEREAS the (local governing body/school district) recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the (local governing body/school district); and

WHEREAS the (local governing body/school district) has participated in the preparation of a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the *St. Louis Regional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2015-2020* (hereafter referred to as the *Plan*) in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS the *Plan* identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the (local governing body/school district) from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS the (local governing body) recognizes that land use policies have a major impact on whether people and property are exposed to natural hazards, the (local governing body) will endeavor to integrate the *Plan* into the comprehensive planning process and

WHEREAS adoption by the (local governing body/school district) demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the *Plan*

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE (LOCAL GOVERNMENT/SCHOOL DISTRICT), in the State of Missouri, THAT:

Section 1. In accordance with (local rule for adopting resolutions), the (local governing body/school district) adopts the *Plan*.

ADOPTED by a vote of \_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_ against, and \_\_\_\_ abstaining, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

By (Sig.): \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

By (Sig.): \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By (Sig.): \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_