



CITY OF BALLWIN

14811 Manchester Road, Ballwin, MO 63011

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE
*ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE.***

WHEREAS, the City of Ballwin recognizes that no community is immune from natural hazards whether it be flooding, severe weather, tornadoes, winter storms, or earthquakes, and they recognize the importance to its residents and to its businesses of enhancing its ability to resist natural hazards, and the importance of reducing the human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services and economic losses caused by those hazards; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ballwin may have previously pursued measures such as building codes, fire codes, flood plain management regulations, zoning ordinances, and storm water management regulations to minimize the impact of natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, the City of Ballwin will be eligible to apply for pre-disaster mitigation funds; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State Emergency Management Agency have developed all-hazard planning programs that assist communities in their efforts to become Disaster Resistant Communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ballwin desires to commit to working with local schools, businesses, not-for-profit organizations and government partners to develop a Disaster Resistant Community Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ballwin intends to make a good faith effort in implementing mitigation projects or programs by incorporation into other community planning mechanisms where appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BALLWIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Ballwin will use its best efforts to become a disaster-resistant community by supporting and participating in the All-Hazard Plan and hazard identification and risk assessment to implement mitigation practices that can reduce vulnerability for citizens and property.

THIS RESOLUTION, HAVING BEEN DULY CONSIDERED AND VOTED UPON BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BALLWIN, WAS PASSED AND APPROVED THIS

_____ DAY OF _____, 2014.

TIM POGUE, Mayor

ATTEST:

Robert Kuntz, City Administrator



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June 13, 2014

Ms. Marie Clark
City Clerk
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Dear Ms. Clark:

In 2009, your community's input and participation was instrumental in the development of the regional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles and St. Louis counties and the city of St. Louis.

According to Federal Law, this plan must be updated every five years, and that is why we are contacting you now. While your participation is voluntary, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that local governments adopt by resolution a FEMA approved All-Hazard Mitigation Plan in order for your community to be eligible to apply federal and state funds for disaster mitigation projects.

Hazard Mitigation covers work that can be done in advance of potential natural disasters to reduce the severity of the loss, improve public safety and create more resilient communities that are able to respond more quickly and effectively when disaster does strike.

The staff at East-West Gateway Council of Governments will be gathering information from local governments to help inform us with this five-year plan update. We are contacting you now, as we start our work, to let you know you will be hearing from us soon.

Here is what to expect over the next several months:

1. East-West Gateway will send you a short online survey, (tentatively scheduled for late June or early July), asking the following:
 - a. What hazards is your community vulnerable to;
 - b. What projects that you have completed in the last five years related to hazard mitigation efforts;
 - c. What natural disasters has your community experienced in the last five years;
 - d. What hazard mitigation projects does your community intend to initiate within the next five years?

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2. We ask that your jurisdiction place a notice of the All Hazard Plan on the agenda of your jurisdiction's council meeting, in order to give all elected officials and the public advance notice that the final plan must be approved by resolution of the governing body for your community in order to be eligible for Hazard Mitigation Funding from FEMA. (Adoption of the plan will take place between January and April 2015)
3. Please send EWG the contact information (Name, email address and phone) for your local point of contact for the Hazard Mitigation Planning survey. You may e-mail gary.pondrom@ewgateway.org or call (314) 421-4220 and leave a message for Gary Pondrom with the name, e-mail and phone contact information of your municipal representative.
4. In approximately three months, East-West Gateway will hold a Workshop in your county, and request your community to send at least one representative to this county-wide public Workshop to discuss the planning process. This workshop will give you the opportunity to provide information that you feel is relevant to the plan.
5. East-West Gateway will inform you when the draft plan is completed, so that you can make public comment on the plan.
6. In early 2015, after completion of the plan, your governing body will have the opportunity to adopt the plan by resolution, thereby making your community eligible to apply for federal or state financial aid to assist you to implement hazard mitigation projects within your community.

East-West Gateway will be coordinating our work on the plan with each county's Emergency Management Agency and STARRS (the St. Louis Area Regional Response System), who will be in consultation with community emergency managers, other city staff and at their choice, elected officials.

Again, you may contact Gary Pondrom at gary.pondrom@ewgateway.org or call him at (314)-421-4220 with any questions you may have regarding this All-Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

Thank you for your interest and participation.

Sincerely,



Edward Hillhouse,
Executive Director



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July 18, 2014

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Dear Ms. Clark:

About a month ago, you received a letter from us outlining the planning process related to the development of the regional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan 5-year update for the St. Louis region.

You may recall that to remain eligible to apply for federal and state funds for pre-disaster mitigation funding during the 2015 - 2020 time period, the Federal Emergency Management Agency requires your community to adopt this plan update by resolution of your governing body. We anticipate that the update will be completed by the end of 2014. We will then be providing you with a sample resolution for your consideration.

As we mentioned in the June 13 letter, the first step in the planning process is for each community to complete a short survey. Please find below a link to the All-Hazard Mitigation Planning Survey. Your survey response is critical for East-West Gateway to successfully complete the 2014 All Hazard Mitigation Plan update. This survey should take 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Please complete the survey before July 31, 2014.

Thank you for your participation.

Gary Pondrom
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Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HZJR2PF>

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