

ADOPTING THE 2022 UPDATE OF THE DANE COUNTY
NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Dane County is subject to numerous natural hazards such as winter storms, extreme temperatures, tornadoes, and flooding. The problems resulting from these events range from nuisance occurrences to major damages impacting public facilities, private property owners, and residents' lives. Dane County has received federal disaster declarations on sixteen occasions since 1976. The resulting losses from these events can be measured in the tens of millions of dollars.

A natural hazard mitigation plan can identify initiatives and projects that will eliminate or reduce damages caused by natural hazards. This is the third update of Dane County's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The first version of the plan was adopted in May 2005, with updates adopted in May 2010 and September 2017. The 2022 update of Dane County's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies and justifies a number of proposed projects and programs to mitigate the vulnerability of Dane County to the impacts of future disasters.

In this update cycle, effects from climate change and differences in equity were factors included when examining risks from—and developing strategies to address—natural hazards. The inclusion of climate change effects as a factor influencing risk demonstrates that Dane County recognizes climate change is affecting our community. The inclusion of equity as a factor to determine a hazard's impacts ensures Dane County identifies mitigation practices that minimize disparate impacts and benefit all county residents.

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires jurisdictions to prepare and adopt a natural hazard mitigation plan to be eligible for future pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes. This plan will enable Dane County to apply for grants to implement eligible projects and programs identified in the Dane County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Dane County hereby adopts the Dane County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dane County will continue to participate in the updating and revision of the Dane County Hazard Mitigation Plan with a plan review and revision to occur within a five year cycle.