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The *Sauk County Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2019-2024* consists of seven chapters and a map series. The first chapter provides an overview of the project. The second chapter presents background information about Sauk County including its setting, demographic and economic characteristics, climate, natural resources, land use, and development trends. Chapter 3 presents background information related to special needs populations and groups in the county. Chapter 4 contains a complete inventory of critical facilities in the county. Natural hazards and manmade hazards are identified and reviewed in Chapters 5 and 6, respectively. Estimated losses to buildings, infrastructure, and critical facilities are also discussed in these two chapters. In Chapter 7, goals, objectives, and policies are identified that will help to craft appropriate solutions to the identified problems. A range of activities are also presented to help foster hazard mitigation efforts. Various funding sources are reviewed with an eye towards identifying options for funding identified projects. Most of the maps in the plan are included in the final section of the plan.

Sauk County adopted a multi-jurisdictional plan in 2005, which was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on April 27, 2006. The City of Baraboo also adopted a plan on June 28, 2005, which was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on April 27, 2006.

The countywide plan was updated in 2011 and also incorporated the City of Baraboo. The most recent plan update started in 2018 and concluded in 2019 to cover the next five-year period (2019-2024).