

CERTIFICATION LETTER



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Jed Seidl, Director
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Dear Director Seidl:

Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) has reviewed the *Sauk County Hazard Mitigation Plan: 2025-2029*. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and WEM have signed a Program Administration by States operational agreement, allowing WEM to review local mitigation plans to ensure they meet the required criteria for a multi-jurisdiction hazard mitigation plan outlined in 44 CFR Part 201.

The local mitigation plan meets all applicable FEMA mitigation planning requirements except its adoption by: Sauk County, Village of Cazenovia, Village of Ironston, Village of Lake Delton, Village of La Valle, Village of Lime Ridge, Village of Loganville, Village of Merrimac, Village of North Freedom, Village of Plain, Village of Prairie du Sac, Village of Rock Springs, Village of Sauk City, Village of Spring Green, Village of West Baraboo, City of Baraboo, City of Reedsburg, and City of Wisconsin Dells.

Local governments, including special districts, with a plan status of "Approvable Pending Adoption" (APA) are not eligible for FEMA mitigation grant programs with a mitigation plan requirement. The next step in the approval process is to formally adopt the mitigation plan and send a resolution to the state for submission to FEMA. Sample adoption resolutions can be found in Appendix A of the Local Mitigation Planning and Policy Guide.

An approved local mitigation plan, including adoption by the local government, is one of the conditions for applying for and/or receiving FEMA mitigation grants from the following programs:

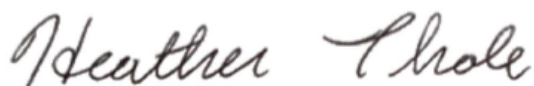
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- Flood Mitigation Assistance

Participating jurisdictions that adopt the plan more than one year after APA status has been issued must either:

- Validate that their information in the plan remains current with respect to both the risk assessment (no recent hazard events, no changes in development) and their mitigation strategy (no changes necessary); or
- Make the necessary updates before submitting the adoption resolution to FEMA.

We look forward to receiving the adoption resolution(s) and discussing options for implementing this mitigation plan. If we can help in any way, please contact me at heather.thole@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,



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Wisconsin Emergency Management

Enclosure

- WEM Plan Review Tool

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