



Section VI: Plan Adoption



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1) Overview

Formal plan adoption is a required part of the planning process and demonstrates New York City's commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in the Plan. In addition to fulfilling the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the Mayoral adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) establishes it as a policy for New York City that defines the actions agencies should take to comply with or implement the HMP.

a) Plan Adoption Process

- Obtain "Approval Pending Adoption" status from FEMA.
- Draft an adoption resolution to meet plan requirements and demonstrate New York City's commitment to protect its residents and built environment from the effects of natural hazards.
- Adopt HMP through Mayoral Executive Order.

b) FEMA Requirements Addressed in this Section

The OEM Hazard Mitigation Planning Team created a plan adoption strategy consistent with the process and steps presented in FEMA's How-To-Guide: Bringing the Plan to Life (FEMA 386-4). This section satisfies the following FEMA requirement:

- **Requirement §201.6(c)(5):** [The local hazard mitigation plan *shall* include] documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan.

2) Local Adoption Resolution



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 126

NEW YORK CITY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

March 4, 2009

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, Public Law 106-390, was enacted to establish a national disaster hazard mitigation program to reduce the loss of life and property, human suffering, economic disruption, and disaster assistance costs resulting from natural disasters, and to assist state, local and Indian tribal governments in implementing effective hazard mitigation measures designed to ensure the continuation of critical services and facilities after a natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act requires such governments to develop hazard mitigation plans to identify the natural hazards that could impact their jurisdictions, identify actions and activities to mitigate the effects of those hazards, and establish a coordinated process to implement such plans; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York (the "City") has been and continues to be committed to reducing the loss of life and property, alleviating human suffering and economic disruption, and controlling disaster assistance costs resulting from natural hazards and accelerating the City's recovery after the occurrence of any such hazard; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Office of Emergency Management ("OEM"), in coordination with governmental and non-governmental stakeholders having an interest in reducing the impact of natural hazards throughout the City and with input from the private sector and other members of the public, developed the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of New York, which identifies natural hazards that have the potential to occur in the City and establishes mitigation strategies to address these hazards; and

WHEREAS, such Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") subject to adoption by the City;

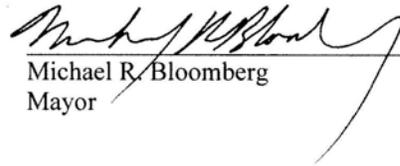
NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as the Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan developed by OEM and approved by FEMA is hereby adopted as the City's hazard mitigation plan pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act.

§ 2. OEM shall be the agency responsible for monitoring, evaluating and updating the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act.

§ 3. All agencies shall provide such assistance and cooperation as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the provisions of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and carry out the City's responsibilities under the Disaster Mitigation Act.

§ 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.


Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor

3) NYSEMO Approval Letter



David A. Paterson, Governor

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John R. Gibb, Director

March 17th, 2009

Commissioner Joseph Bruno
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Re: HMGP-1391
NYC Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Approval

Dear Commissioner Bruno:

The New York State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) is pleased to inform you that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has officially approved the New York City Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. FEMA has officially recognized the adoption and approval of the plan as March 12, 2009. This approval date starts the time clock for the five-year update which will be required by March 12, 2014. To summarize:

- Approved Pending Adoption: 1/16/09
- Final Approval of the Plan: 3/12/09
- Five-Year Update Required by: 3/12/14

Please use this timeframe to plan accordingly when taking into account any monitoring, evaluating, and updating of the Plan and planning process that the City has committed to. The returned "Planning Crosswalk" can be used as a reference document when monitoring and updating of the plan.

Approval of the plan ensures that the City of New York will be eligible for the next five years to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants. These grant programs are Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Repetitive Flood Claims (PFC), and Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL). We strongly encourage the City to consider applying for these grants as they become available.

Please contact Mr. John Fishbein at 518-292-2459 or me at 518-292-2370, respectively, if you or your staff have questions or need additional information. Congratulations to you and your team.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Lord
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and Agency Preservation Officer

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4) FEMA Approval Letter

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FEMA

March 13, 2009

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Re: Approval of the City of New York, New York Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
FEMA Funding: HMGP 1391

Dear Mr. Gibb:

I am pleased to inform you that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) formally approves the City of New York's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan was officially adopted by a resolution received by this office on March 12, 2009. FEMA's approval of the plan will be for a period of five years from this date (March 12, 2014).

FEMA Region II concluded its review of the referenced plan in conformance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201, *Mitigation Planning* and using FEMA's *Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Guidance*, the official guidance to develop and review new and updated mitigation plans to meet the requirements of 44 CFR 201. The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Review Crosswalk (dated January 16, 2009) documents the Region's review.

The approval of this plan ensures the jurisdiction's eligibility for the next five years for project grants under FEMA's hazard mitigation assistance programs, including Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation, Flood Mitigation Assistance and Severe Repetitive Loss grant programs. All requests for funding, however, will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which applications are submitted.

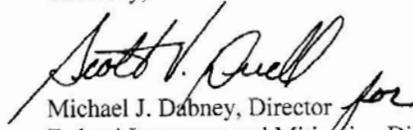
Please advise the jurisdiction of this approval. Note that we have already received a final electronic copy of the entire plan for our national electronic repository.

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Mr. John R. Gibb
March 13, 2009
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Please refer to the referenced crosswalk for assistance in maintaining and updating this plan. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Duell, Risk Analysis Branch Chief, at (212) 680-3630.

Sincerely,


Michael J. Dabney, Director *for*
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division

Cc: Richard Lord, NY State Hazard Mitigation Officer,
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