

RESOLUTION 2020 – 14

**ADOPTING THE WARREN COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION
5-YEAR PLAN UPDATE**

WHEREAS, the city of Mason, Ohio is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Mason; and

WHEREAS, Warren County and the City of Mason have experienced severe damage from natural hazards on many occasions in the past century that have resulted in property loss, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Emergency Management Agency and the City of Mason desire to be compliant with The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and 44 CFR section 201.6(d)(3); and

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that hazard mitigation planning program criterion be developed for participating Warren County communities and unincorporated areas of Warren County so that participating areas will be eligible for future pre-disaster and post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding; and

WHEREAS, the mitigation planning regulation in 44 CFR section 201.6(d)(3) states: “A local jurisdiction must review and revise its hazard mitigation plan to reflect changes in development, progress in local mitigation efforts, and changes in priorities, and resubmit it for approval within five (5) years in order to continue to be eligible for mitigation project grant funding.”; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Emergency Management Agency has established the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and they have, through an organized planning process, identified local problems and mitigation activities to help reduce hazards, damages, and loss of life during a natural hazard event; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 5-year plan update recommends many hazard mitigation actions that will protect the people and property affected by the natural hazards that face Warren County; and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Committee held monthly public planning meetings from November 2019 through March 2020 to review and revise the plan as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the plan will hereby be implemented, monitored, evaluated, and updated annually by the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee and The Warren County Board of Commissioners will be the public authority to promote and oversee the continued maintenance of this plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mason participated in and provided input in the public planning meeting process and reviewed the final draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, seven members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1 That the Warren County Hazard Mitigation 5-Year Plan Update is hereby adopted as the official multi-jurisdictional plan of Warren County, Ohio. By participating in the Warren County plan and county planning process the City of Mason will be eligible to make applications for hazard mitigation grant program funding.

Section 2 That the Warren County Emergency Management Agency has entered into an agreement, in the manner provided by law, under the Ohio Revised Code, as amended, and has the power to coordinate and unify the comprehensive emergency management activities of the participants, thereof, including the various municipal corporations and the unincorporated jurisdictions of Warren County, Ohio.

Section 3 That the respective county, city, and village officials identified in the strategic development of the 5-year hazard mitigation plan update are hereby requested to participate in addressing the recommended mitigation actions assigned to them. These officials will report annually on their hazard mitigation activities, accomplishments, and progress to the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Committee under the direction of the Warren County Board of Commissioners.

Section 4 That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 26th day of October, 2020.

Attest:

Mayor

Clerk of Council