

Watertown City Council

March 10, 2026

Agenda Item:	Carver County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
Request for Action:	Adopt Resolution 2026-05, adopting the Carver County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan
Department:	Emergency Management

Background:

During 2025 and 2026, City of Watertown participated in the Carver County disaster action plan group in order to update the official Hazard Mitigation Plan. As part of this process, public involvement from cities across Carver County was used to determine past hazards, hazards that threaten the county, an estimate of structures at risk, a general description of land uses and development trends. The Carver County Plan includes a thorough implementation process. The Plan has been shared with the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management as well as FEMA for review and comment. Adoption of the plan would allow the City to apply for mitigation funds in the future.

Being that the City of Watertown has participated in the planning process of the multi-jurisdictional plan, staff recommends adopting the county plan.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution #2026-05, adopting the Carver County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Attachments:

Resolution #2026-05

**CITY OF WATERTOWN
RESOLUTION 2026-05**

**ADOPTION OF THE
CARVER COUNTY ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown has participated in the hazard mitigation planning process as established under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a framework for the development of a multi-jurisdictional County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act as part of the planning process requires public involvement and local coordination among neighboring local units of government and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Carver County Plan includes a risk assessment including past hazards, hazards that threaten the county, an estimate of structures at risk, a general description of land uses and development trends; and

WHEREAS, the Carver County Plan includes a mitigation strategy including goals and objectives and an action plan identifying specific mitigation projects and costs; and

WHEREAS, the Carver County Plan includes a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of the plan into other planning documents and how Carver County will maintain public participation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been shared with the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Carver County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan will make the county and participating jurisdictions eligible to receive FEMA hazard mitigation assistance grants; and

WHEREAS, this is a multi-jurisdictional plan and cities that participated in the planning process may choose to also adopt the county plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Watertown supports the hazard mitigation planning effort and wishes to adopt the Carver County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Watertown this 10th day of March, 2026.

Michael Walters, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Michael Sommerfeld, Administrative Services Director