

2023 Annual Progress Report—Hazard Mitigation Plan

City of Sioux Falls, SD

Planning and Development Services Division

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**Hazard Mitigation Plan
Annual Progress Report**



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1. Purpose of Annual Progress Report

This report is the 2023 annual update to the Lincoln County and Minnehaha County Multi-Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Update, herein referred to as the Hazard Mitigation Plan, adopted on September 11, 2018. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is part of the City's participation requirements in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) Program. Because the City participates in the CRS Program as a Class 7 Community, Sioux Falls property owners receive a 15 percent discount on their flood insurance premiums. As part of CRS recertification, the City must provide an annual update on the implementation of floodplain management action items identified in the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Sioux Falls.

2. Overview

Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties and participating cities developed the Lincoln County and Minnehaha County Multi-Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan to reduce risk from all hazards by identifying resources, information, and strategies for risk reduction. The federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires state and local governments to develop hazard mitigation plans as a condition for federal disaster grant assistance. To prepare the plan, the participating partners organized resources, assessed risks from natural hazards within the county, developed planning goals and objectives, reviewed mitigation alternatives, and developed an action plan to address probable impacts from natural hazards. By completing this process, these jurisdictions maintained compliance with the Disaster Mitigation Act, achieving eligibility for mitigation grant funding opportunities afforded under the Robert T. Stafford Act. **The complete plan is online:**

<https://secog.org/services/community-development/pdm/>

The City Council and media will receive this report in January 2024. The public may view this report on the City's website for Flood Protection Resources:

<https://www.siouxfalls.gov/floodplain>

3. Review and Progress on the Action Plan

The annual review considers the following:

- Action items underway or not started as of September 11, 2018, the effective date of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Changes in risk exposure within Sioux Falls.
- Status of action items from 2022–2023.
- Identify any action items not completed or behind schedule.
- Recommend any changes to the action items.

All individual items in the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Sioux Falls have been completed prior to this 2023 report. Therefore, all items are considered completed with none outstanding as not completed or behind schedule as far as the scope of the 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan update was concerned. Reviewers of this report should refer to the Hazard Mitigation Plan for more detailed descriptions of each initiative and the prioritization process. There are no recommended changes at this time since the City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, Lincoln County, Southeastern Council of Governments, and other area municipalities are awaiting final approval of the new Hazard Mitigation Plan for the area. Work started on the new plan in 2023 with meetings on January 16, February 16, March 22, April 13, and May 18. The final draft was submitted to the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management and forwarded on to FEMA on September 7. FEMA requested some revisions, and a revised draft was sent back to FEMA on December 1 for approval. Final FEMA approval is anticipated in the first half of 2024.