RESOLUTION # 2026-05

ADOPTING THE ADAMS COUNTY ALL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, The Town of New Chester recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, an adopted all hazards mitigation plan is required as a condition of future grant funding for mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, all hazard mitigation plans are required to be updated every 5-years; and

WHEREAS, The Town of New Chester participated jointly in the planning process with the other local units of government within the County to prepare an update to its All Hazards Mitigation Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of New Chester Board of Supervisors, hereby adopts the Adams County All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update as an official plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Adams County Emergency Management Department will submit, on behalf of the participating municipalities, the adopted All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update to Wisconsin Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency officials for final review and approval.

PASSED: Yes

Certifying Official

NORTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Towns within Adams County, WI
CC: Jane Lentz-Gervais, Adams County Emergency Management
FROM: Darryl L. Landeau, Senior Planner DLL
DATE: June 9, 2026
RE: Adoption of Multijurisdictional Adams County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

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The Adams County All Hazards Mitigation Plan has just been updated. You can find the new plan document on the Internet at https://www.ncwrpc.org/adams-county-all-hazards-mitigation-plan-update-2025/ Updates are required by FEMA every 5-years. You may recall the mitigation planning survey distributed to towns last year. We appreciate your town's help in this process.

Hazard mitigation plans are done at the county level but incorporate all local units within the county in the spirit of intergovernmental cooperation and to avoid duplication of the same work by each municipality. Previously, we believed towns were not included in the mandate for these plans. However, FEMA has now indicated that all local governments must have an approved local all hazards mitigation plan to remain eligible for certain FEMA non-emergency disaster funds that would be available after a disaster declaration. Additionally, FEMA may require a local unit to develop and adopt a hazard mitigation plan following a disaster declaration in that community if they do not have an approved plan. Adoption of this county mitigation plan satisfies this planning requirement, so that the Town does not have to go through the time and expense of creating a plan from scratch.

Please consider the attached sample resolution or one similar to it, at an upcoming Board meeting. Let me know if you would like a copy of the MS Word file for ease of use. Forward a signed copy of the approved resolution to my office, and I will file it with FEMA to satisfy the requirement for your Town. If you have any questions or comments regarding the Plan, please forward them to my attention. Also note: should the Town ever need an amendment to the Plan in the future, please contact me.

If you have questions regarding this correspondence or the Plan, please feel free to contact me at 715/849-5510 ext. 308 (email: dlandeau@ncwrpc.org) or Jane Lentz-Gervais, Adams County's Emergency Management Director, at 608-339-4248 (jane.gervais@co.adams.wi.us). Thank you for your consideration.