



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Council Memo

Department Source: Fire

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 20, 2026

Re: Resolution to adopt the 2025 Boone County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Impacted Ward: Citywide

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration, a resolution to adopt the 2025 Boone County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan has been updated through a multi-jurisdictional planning process authored by the Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission in coordination with the Boone County Office of Emergency Management (OEM). The City of Columbia participated throughout the planning process along with surrounding municipalities, school districts and other stakeholders.

Discussion

Boone County and its jurisdictions have had a FEMA approved hazard mitigation plan in place since 2005. Federal regulations require the plan to be reviewed, updated and formally adopted every five years to maintain eligibility for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant programs. FEMA Region VII approved the 2025 Boone County Hazard Mitigation Plan on January 27, 2026. Adoption by each jurisdiction is required for continued participation in those programs.

The Boone County Hazard Mitigation Plan was developed by the communities and citizens of Boone County, their elected officials and public servants. The plan is more than a compliance document, it identifies hazards, evaluates community risk and vulnerability and establishes mitigation strategies intended to reduce the loss of life, protect property and infrastructure, improve the continuity of government and strengthen long-term community resilience. The City of Columbia actively participated throughout the planning process.

Adoption of the plan does not commit the City to funding or implementing any specific mitigation project. Rather, it establishes the strategic framework required for the City to pursue state and federal mitigation funding opportunities as projects are identified and prioritized in the future. Maintaining an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan positions the City to compete for grant funding that can reduce future disaster losses while strengthening the resilience of public infrastructure and community assets.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A.

Long-Term Impact: N/A.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Community, Secondary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure,
Tertiary Impact: Inclusive and Equitable Community

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Tertiary
Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities

Legislative History

Date	Action
01/04/2021	R 8-21 Adopting the 2020 Boone County, Missouri Mitigation Plan.

Suggested Council Action

Adopt the 2025 Boone County Hazard Mitigation Plan .