



FEMA

September 11, 2024

Amy Stonich
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Dear Amy Stonich:

The *Lake Forest Local Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023* was officially adopted by the City of Lake Forest and submitted for final review and approval to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The review is complete, and FEMA finds the plan to be in conformance with the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Part 201, Section 6 (44 C.F.R. 201.6).

This plan approval ensures the City of Lake Forest's continued eligibility for funding under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs, including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program (BRIC), and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program. All requests for funding are evaluated individually according to eligibility and other program requirements. Approved hazard mitigation plans may also be eligible for points under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS).

FEMA's approval is for a period of five years, effective the date FEMA received the first adoption documentation. For this plan, documentation was received on September 6, 2024 and is considered approved as of then. Prior to **September 6, 2029**, the City of Lake Forest must review, revise, and submit their plan to FEMA for approval to maintain eligibility for grant funding. The enclosed plan review tool provides additional recommendations to incorporate into future plan updates.

If you have any questions regarding the planning or review processes, please contact the FEMA Region 9 Hazard Mitigation Planning Team at fema-r9-mitigation-planning@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Lipiecki
Director, Mitigation Division
FEMA Region 9

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City of Lake Forest Plan Review Tool, dated September 6, 2024

cc: Alison Kearns, Planning and Implementation Branch Chief, FEMA Region 9
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Emergency Services
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