



September 19, 2023

Mr. Sam AL-Basha  
State Hazard Mitigation Officer  
Illinois Emergency Management Agency  
1035 Outer Park Drive  
Springfield, IL 62704

Dear Mr. AL-Basha:

Thank you for submitting adoption documentation for the 2023 Kankakee County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update. The plan was reviewed based on the local plan criteria contained in 44 CFR Part 201, as authorized by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The plan met the required criteria for a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan, and the plan is now approved for Bourbonnais Fire Protection District.

The approval of this plan ensures continued availability of the full complement of Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grants. All requests for funding, however, will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted.

We encourage the communities to follow the plan's schedule for monitoring and updating the plan and continue their efforts to implement the mitigation measures. The expiration date of the 2023 Kankakee County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is five years from the date of this letter. The plan must be reviewed, revised as appropriate, resubmitted, and approved no later than the plan expiration date.

Please pass on our congratulations to the now approved communities for completing this significant action. If you or the communities have any questions, please contact Meghan Cuneo at (202) 615-5294 or [Meghan.Cuneo@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Meghan.Cuneo@fema.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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November 27, 2023

Zachary Krug  
Hazard Mitigation Section Manager  
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Springfield, IL 62704

Dear Mr. Krug,

The Kankakee County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan 2023 Update was reviewed based on the local plan criteria contained in 44 CFR Part 201, as authorized by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The Kankakee County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan 2023 Update met the required criteria for a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan and the plan is now approved for the County of Kankakee, the Villages of Aroma Park, Bourbonnais, Bradley, Grant Park, Hopkins Park, Manteno, and Union Hill, the Township of Bourbonnais, the City of Kankakee, the Ascension of Saint Mary Kankakee, the Kankakee Community College, the Manteno Community Fire Protection District, the Momence Fire Protection District, and the Riverside Medical Center.

The expiration date of the Kankakee County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan 2023 Update is September 5, 2028.

An approved local mitigation plan, including adoption by the local government, is one of the conditions for applying for and/or receiving FEMA mitigation grants from the following programs:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- HMGP Post-Fire
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities
- Flood Mitigation Assistance

Having an approved mitigation plan does not mean that mitigation grant funding will be awarded. Specific application and eligibility requirements for the programs listed above can be found in each FEMA grant program's respective policies and annual Notice of Funding Opportunities, as applicable.

To avoid a lapsed plan, the next plan update must be approved before the end of the approval period, including adoption by the participating jurisdictions. Before the end of the approval period, please allow sufficient time to secure funding for the update, including the review and approval process. Please include time for any revisions, if needed, and for your jurisdiction to formally adopt the plan after the review, if not adopted prior to submission. This will enable you to remain eligible to apply for and receive funding from FEMA's mitigation grant programs with a mitigation plan requirement. Local governments, including special districts, with a plan status of "Approvable Pending Adoption" are not eligible for FEMA's mitigation grant programs with a mitigation plan requirement.

We look forward to discussing options for implementing this mitigation plan. If there are any questions from either you or the communities, please contact Maria Freeman at (202) 793-0810 or email at maria.freeman@fema.dhs.gov.

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