

SECTION 2. PLAN ADOPTION

This section contains information regarding adoption of the HMP by Wyoming County and each participating jurisdiction.

2.1 PLAN ADOPTION BY LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES

Adoption by the local governing bodies demonstrates the commitment of Wyoming County and each participating jurisdiction to fulfill the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this HMP. Adoption legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to execute their responsibilities.

All participating jurisdictions, including Wyoming County, will proceed with formal adoption proceedings when FEMA provides conditional approval of this plan. Following adoption or formal action on the plan, the jurisdiction must submit a copy of the resolution or other legal instrument showing formal adoption (acceptance) of the plan to NYS DHSES. Each copy will then be submitted to FEMA, along with the resolution provided in Appendix A of this plan. The jurisdictions understand that FEMA will acknowledge verification of formal plan adoption, and its official approval to the mitigation plan coordinator.

The template resolution issued to support adoption of the plan is included as Appendix A, Resolution of Plan Adoption.

Plan adoption is required by DMA 2000. According to FEMA, official plan adoption is necessary because it:

- Authorizes the plan to serve as a guiding document for all local and state government officials.
- Gives legal status to the plan in the event that it is challenged in court.
- Certifies the program and demonstrates to grant administrators that the plan's recommendations have been properly considered and approved by the governing authority and citizens within that jurisdiction.
- Helps to ensure the continuity of mitigation programs and policies over time because elected officials, staff, and other community decision-makers can refer to the official document when making planning decisions about the community's future.

Source: FEMA 2003. "How-to Series" *Bringing the Plan to Life* (FEMA 386-4).