



## ***PRINCETON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT***

**To:** Princeton Community

**Date:** 08-04-2020

**From:** Emergency Management Team, Ron Lawrence, Todd Frederick and Bob Gerold

**Regarding:** Sherburne County Hazard Mitigation Plan Consideration

Mayor and Council,

The city has been contacted by Sherburne County Emergency Management and is asking that the city consider adopting the Sherburne County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The City Emergency Management team has been working with Sherburne County Emergency Management on completing an All Hazards Mitigation Plan.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program structures the implementation of long-term mitigation measures following a major disaster declaration for events like floods, tornados, etc.

Mitigation is any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property and focuses on breaking the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.

Hazard mitigation planning is an important aspect of a successful mitigation program which aids in the process of setting short and long-range mitigation goals and objectives.

All mitigation projects must be cost-effective, meet both engineering and technical feasibility criteria, and clear Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation requirements in accordance with the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Unified Guidance. Other eligibility requirements include: National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participation and participation in a Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The HMGP program is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is administered by the State. Federal funding for eligible mitigation projects is available for certain mitigation projects.

The Sherburne County plan is 4 pages long and we are not sure when it was last updated. We have attached a copy of the plan for your review.

In any event, adoption is recommended. A copy of the appropriate resolution is attached for your consideration. We will be available for any questions.

Fire Chief Ron Lawrence

Police Chief Todd Frederick

Public Works Director Bob Gerold