

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UPDATED GEUGA COUNTY NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, FISCAL YEAR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved local mitigation plans are a requirement in order for communities to be eligible for most federal mitigation grant programs. These plans must be updated, approved by FEMA, and adopted locally every five years to maintain eligibility for mitigation project grant funding for the purpose to significantly reduce or permanently eliminate future risk to lives and property from natural hazards;

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update was prepared and submitted to the Ohio Natural Emergency Management Agency for review and/or comments; recommendations by the state have been met and the Mitigation Plan Update submitted to FEMA, which has advised the county that said plan meets the required criteria in 44 CFR 201.6 for a local multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan and approved the plan, pending adoption;

WHEREAS, the Board of Geauga County Commissioners shall provide for the monitoring, evaluation and updating the plan within a five-year cycle and shall be responsible for the execution and provisions of the Plan through the Director of the Geauga County Department of Emergency Services;

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Emergency Management Agency Director has requested the Village Council to adopt the Geauga County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan including updates and accept said document for County and Village Mitigation Activities; and

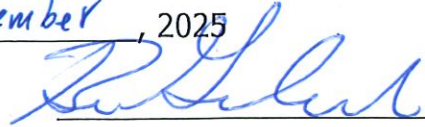
WHEREAS, the Geauga County Emergency Management Agency has requested that the Village adopt this Resolution as soon as possible so that the Plan may be formally approved by FEMA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Middlefield, County of Geauga, and State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Council for the Village of Middlefield hereby formally approves that Fiscal Year 2025 Geauga County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Updated (the "Plan"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference as if fully rewritten. The Plan shall be the working document for mitigation activities within the Village of Middlefield.

SECTION 2. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the residents of the Village of Middlefield, so that the Village may fulfill the request of the Geauga County Emergency Management Agency that this Resolution be adopted as quickly as possible, to expedite formal FEMA approval of the Plan. Therefore, this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED this 13 day of November, 2025



Mayor

President Pro-Tempore

ATTEST: 

FISCAL OFFICER



GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Carolyn Brakey, Esq. James W. Dvorak Ralph Spidalieri

12611 Ravenwood Drive, Suite 350 • Chardon, Ohio 44024

October 28, 2025

Michael Austin Rice, Director
Emergency Management Agency
12518 Merritt Road
Chardon, Ohio 44024

Dear Mr. Rice:

Please be advised that during session on October 28, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners took the following action:

Motion: by Commissioner Brakey, seconded by Commissioner Dvorak to approve and execute Resolution #25-192 Adopting the updated Geauga County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, FY2025.

<i>Roll Call Vote:</i>	<i>Commissioner Spidalieri</i>	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Commissioner Brakey</i>	<i>Aye</i>
	<i>Commissioner Dvorak</i>	<i>Aye</i>

Very truly yours,

Christine Blair
Commissioners' Clerk

Board of County Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio

Date: October 28, 2025
Resolution: #25-192

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NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, FY2025**

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Emergency Management Agency desires to be compliant with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K Act (Public Law 106-390)), said DMA2K Act requires that a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting program criteria be developed in order that the participating Geauga County communities and townships will be eligible for future pre-disaster and post-disaster mitigation program funds; and

WHEREAS, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved local mitigation plans are a requirement in order for communities to be eligible for most federal mitigation grant programs. These plans must be updated, approved by FEMA, and adopted locally every five years to maintain eligibility for mitigation project grant funding for the purpose to significantly reduce or permanently eliminate future risk to lives and property from natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update was prepared and submitted to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency for review and/or comments; recommendations by the state have been met and the Mitigation Plan Update submitted to FEMA, which has advised the county that said plan meets the required criteria in 44 CFR 201.6 for a local multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan and approved the plan, pending adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Emergency Management Agency Director has requested the Board of Commissioners to adopt the Geauga County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan including updates and accept said document for County Mitigation Activities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Geauga County Commissioners shall provide for the monitoring, evaluation and updating the plan within a five-year cycle and shall be responsible for the execution and provisions of the Plan through the Director of the Geauga County Department of Emergency Services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, Geauga County, Ohio that Fiscal Year 2025 Geauga County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Updated be and is hereby adopted, as attached and incorporated herein, and accepted as the County working document for mitigation activities within the unincorporated areas of Geauga County, Ohio; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED adoption of said plan by this resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the Board, and its adoption by the respective legislative bodies of the other political subdivisions (City and Villages) of Geauga County, Ohio.

Voting thereon:


James W. Dvorak


Carolyn Brakey, Esq.


Ralph Spidalieri

I, Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners Geauga County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened Board meeting held on October 28, 2025.


Christine Blair, Commissioners' Clerk



October 9, 2025
EMC-2023-BR-007-0011

Mr. Austin Rice, Director
Geauga County Emergency Management Agency
12518 Merritt Road
Chardon, Ohio 44024

RE: Updated Geauga County 2025 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Dear Mr. Rice,

Thank you for submitting the Geauga County 2025 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for our review. As authorized by the FEMA-State Program Administration by States Agreement, reiterated under FEMA-4447-DR-OH, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency has reviewed the Geauga County plan and found that it has met the required criteria contained in 44 CFR Part 201.6.

The plan is now approved pending adoption. The next step is for the county and its participating jurisdictions to formally adopt this plan by passing and signing a resolution or ordinance as appropriate. Once the plan has been adopted, please forward copies of the adoption documents to our office. The Mitigation Branch will forward these documents to FEMA Region V. Communities that do not adopt the plan will not be eligible for Federal mitigation funding. After review of the adoption documents, FEMA will issue a letter granting final approval of the plan.

Please note that participating jurisdictions that adopt the plan more than one year after the date of this letter must either:

- Validate that their information in the plan remains current with respect to both the risk assessment (no recent hazard events, no changes in development) and their mitigation strategy (no changes necessary); or
- Make the necessary updates before submitting the adoption resolution to FEMA.

Should you have any questions please contact Luan Nguyen at 614/799-3531, or by email at lknguyen@dps.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

**Steve
Ferryman**

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Steven A. Ferryman, CFM
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Mitigation Branch Chief

Attachments: State-Evaluated Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool dated October 9, 2025

Cc: Bob Zehentbauer, Regional Supervisor, Ohio EMA
Michelle Sowers, Emergency Management Specialist, Ohio EMA
Noah Porter, Emergency Management Specialist, Ohio EMA
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