

## Plan Adoption

This section of the Town / Village of Harrison, New York Multi-Hazard Hazard Mitigation Plan outlines the process by which this plan will be formally adopted by the local governing body.

As plan chapters are completed as drafts DRE will, having already discussed the process with the HMPC representative from the New York State Emergency Management Office (NYSEMO), submit them to NYSEMO to make sure all elements of DMA 2000 and other program requirements have been included.

Once the entire document has received a preliminary review by NYSEMO, and any items have been added / revised, the plan will be placed on the Town / Village of Harrison's monthly Town / Village Board Meeting Agenda for discussion and "Approval for Submission" to FEMA. The plan will then be submitted to FEMA through NYSEMO for "Approval Pending Adoption". FEMA may approve the document or return it to the Town/Village for revision. Final adoption of the Plan will take place following receipt of FEMA's "Approval Pending Adoption".

In addition to being required by DMA 2000, adoption of the plan is necessary because:

- It lends authority to the plan to serve as a guiding document for local and state government officials;
- It gives legal status to the plan in the event it is challenged in court;
- It certifies to program and grant administrators that the plan's recommendations have been properly considered and approved by the governing authority and the jurisdiction's citizens; and
- It helps insure 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 decisions about the community's future.

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

Following receipt of FEMA's "Approval Pending Adoption" the Town / Village Board will pass a resolution, approving the final plan document. A certified copy of the Town / Village Board resolution adopting the plan will be submitted FEMA and the New York State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO). FEMA will then provide a letter to the Town / Village indicating final acceptance of the plan.