



BrightonSM

Resolution Adopting: 2026 Adams County Hazard Mitigation Plan

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City Staff Representative:
Department:

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Background:

- The 2026 Adams County Hazard Mitigation Planning process began in 2024 to draft a plan meant to be adopted in 2025, in line with our 5-year adoption schedule.
- Due to delays at the federal level, the 2026 Adams County HMP is still awaiting final FEMA approval.
- A Resolution adopting the draft 2026 Adams County Hazard Mitigation Plan allows the city of Brighton to submit project applications for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant (BRIC) by the July deadline.

Why Do We Need a Hazard Mitigation Plan?

- Reduces costs of future disasters
- Addresses potential safety issues and emerging trends in our growing community
- Demonstrates our public commitment to safety and security by actively engaging in disaster mitigation planning and identifying actions and activities
- Creates eligibility to apply for mitigation funding

Components of the Brighton Hazard Mitigation Plan Annex:

- Planning Process
- Community Profile
- Hazard Identification and Profile
- Vulnerability Assessment
- Capability Assessment
- 2026 Brighton Mitigation Action Plan

Brighton Critical Assets and Facilities:

Comprehensive mapping of critical lifelines to include public and private facilities:

- Energy
- Food, Hydration and Shelter
- Communications
- Hazardous materials
- Safety and Security
- Transportation
- Water Systems

City of Brighton Highest Risk Hazards and Vulnerabilities:

- Tornado/ Damaging Winds
- Dam Incident
- Hazardous Materials Incident
- Wildfire (grass fires and community conflagration)
- Flooding

Grant Eligibility: Current Federal Mitigation Grants

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA)
- High Hazard Potential Dam Program (HHPD)

Hazard Mitigation Future Actions:

- Multi-disciplinary team of staff working on BRIC grants to fund action items identified in the HMP
- Review and readopt updated plan every 5 years
- Continue multijurisdictional coordination
- Review existing grant opportunities to determine project eligibility
- Look for mitigation opportunities/projects for inclusion into future plans and projects
- Continue to educate the public on risks and mitigation activities

Presented to Council – First Reading

City Council has the following options:

- Pass Resolution as proposed
- Deny Resolution as proposed

Questions?