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WHEREAS, the City of Chesterfield desires to commit to working with local schools, businesses, non-for-profit organizations, and government partners to develop a Disaster Resistant Community Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesterfield intends to make a good faith effort in implementing mitigation projects or programs by incorporation into other community planning mechanisms where appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Chesterfield will use its best efforts to become a disasterresistant community by supporting and participating in The All Hazard Plan and hazard identification and risk assessment to implement mitigation practices that can reduce vulnerability for citizens and property.

This resolution passed of and after its passage and appr		be in full force	and effect from
Passed and approved this	day of	, 2014.	
	Mayor		Date
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Ms. Vickie Haas City Clerk City of Chesterfield 690 Chesterfield Pkwy Chesterfield, MO 63017

Dear Ms. Haas:

In 2009, your community's input and participation was instrumental in the development of the regional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles and St. Louis counties and the city of St. Louis.

According to Federal Law, this plan must be updated every five years, and that is why we are contacting you now. While your participation is voluntary, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that local governments adopt by resolution a FEMA approved All-Hazard Mitigation Plan in order for your community to be eligible to apply federal and state funds for disaster mitigation projects.

Hazard Mitigation covers work that can be done in advance of potential natural disasters to reduce the severity of the loss, improve public safety and create more resilient communities that are able to respond more quickly and effectively when disaster does strike.

The staff at East-West Gateway Council of Governments will be gathering information from local governments to help inform us with this five-year plan update. We are contacting you now, as we start our work, to let you know you will be hearing from us soon.

Here is what to expect over the next several months:

- 1. East-West Gateway will send you a short online survey, (tentatively scheduled for late June or early July), asking the following:
 - a. What hazards is your community vulnerable to;
 - b. What projects that you have completed in the last five years related to hazard mitigation efforts;
 - What natural disasters has your community experienced in the last five years;
 - d. What hazard mitigation projects does your community intend to initiate within the next five years?

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- 2. We ask that your jurisdiction place a notice of the All Hazard Plan on the agenda of your jurisdiction's council meeting, in order to give all elected officials and the public advance notice that the final plan must be approved by resolution of the governing body for your community in order to be eligible for Hazard Mitigation Funding from FEMA. (Adoption of the plan will take place between January and April 2015)
- 3. Please send EWG the contact information (Name, email address and phone) for your local point of contact for the Hazard Mitigation Planning survey. You may e-mail gary.pondrom@ewgateway.org or call (314) 421-4220 and leave a message for Gary Pondrom with the name, e-mail and phone contact information of your municipal representative.
- 4. In approximately three months, East-West Gateway will hold a Workshop in your county, and request your community to send at least one representative to this county-wide public Workshop to discuss the planning process. This workshop will give you the opportunity to provide information that you feel is relevant to the plan.
- 5. East-West Gateway will inform you when the draft plan is completed, so that you can make public comment on the plan.
- 6. In early 2015, after completion of the plan, your governing body will have the opportunity to adopt the plan by resolution, thereby making your community eligible to apply for federal or state financial aid to assist you to implement hazard mitigation projects within your community.

East-West Gateway will be coordinating our work on the plan with each county's Emergency Management Agency and STARRS (the St. Louis Area Regional Response System), who will be in consultation with community emergency managers, other city staff and at their choice, elected officials.

Again, you may contact Gary Pondrom at <u>gary.pondrom@ewgateway.org</u> or call him at (314)-421-4220 with any questions you may have regarding this All-Hazard Mitigation Plan update,

Thank you for your interest and participation.

Sincerely,

Edward Hillhouse, Executive Director

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City Administrator Date 11/2/09

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