



SECTION 12. ADOPTION

12.1 Overview

44 C.F.R. §201.4(c)(6): The plan must include documentation of formal adoption by the highest elected official or designee prior to FEMA approval. Documentation of formal adoption may be a resolution or other mechanism.

This plan serves as the West Virginia State Hazard Mitigation Plan (SHMP) and has been formally adopted by the Governor of West Virginia, as required by 44 C.F.R. §201.4(c)(6). Development of the SHMP was a collaborative partnership with stakeholders from local, regional, state, and federal government agencies as well as nonprofit and private sector organizations and the community. It represents the shared goals, objectives, and actions identified through the planning process for the State to pursue to reduce risk and build statewide resilience. Adoption of the SHMP signifies the shared commitment of West Virginia’s State agencies, partners, and communities to implement the mitigation strategy and utilize the SHMP and its contents to guide hazard mitigation and resilience efforts over the next five years. The adopted SHMP communicates the State’s priorities and facilitates communication and collaboration among communities and stakeholders.

On **XXXX**, the Governor adopted the SHMP after receiving “Approvable Pending Adoption” status from FEMA on **XXXX**. Once adopted by the Governor, the adoption resolution was submitted to FEMA, and FEMA provided full approval of the SHMP on **XXXX**, making the SHMP effective as of **XXXX**. Copies of the adoption resolution and FEMA approval letter are included on the following pages, documenting the successful completion and adoption of the 2023 SHMP.