

4.0 PLAN ADOPTION

To complete the mitigation planning process, Mercer County followed the formal process for state and federal plan review and local adoption. This section describes that process and includes all dates relevant to plan approval, adoption, and expiration. Adoption resolutions from all jurisdictions are also included.

4.1 FEDERAL AND STATE PLAN APPROVAL

After extensive review by stakeholders and the community, the Mercer County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was submitted to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency Mitigation Branch (Mr. Luan Nguyen and Mr. Steve Ferryman) on June 30, 2017. The Contractor and EMA incorporated Ohio EMA's recommended revisions and prepared the plan for submission to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The plan was submitted to FEMA Region V on July 19, 2017. Upon receipt of conditional approval from FEMA, Mercer County EMA began to pursue adoption by the jurisdictions.

4.2 LOCAL ADOPTION

The local plan adoption process began upon receipt of conditional plan approval from FEMA. Mercer County was the first jurisdiction to formally adopt the plan. Following the county's adoption, the nine incorporated jurisdictions were asked to formally adopt the plan through legislation. Sample legislation was provided to each jurisdiction to assist in this process. A complete list of plan adoptions by jurisdiction is provided in table 4-1. Adoption resolutions from each jurisdiction are also attached to this section.

Table 4-1: Jurisdiction Adoption

Jurisdiction	Date of Adoption
Mercer County	09/14/2017
Burkettsville	
Celina	
Chickasaw	
Coldwater	
Fort Recovery	
Mendon	
Montezuma	
Rockford	
St. Henry	

Upon adoption by all jurisdictions, FEMA issued final plan approval on October 10, 2017. The complete plan was uploaded into the Ohio EMA's SHARRP portal.

4.3 PLAN EXPIRATION

Upon final approval by FEMA, the Mercer County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was assigned an expiration date of October 6, 2022. The process to maintain the plan will be ongoing throughout the five-year period, as explained in section 1.0 The Planning Process. A detailed plan of action on the process Mercer County will utilize to update the plan prior to the 2022 expiration date should be in place by mid-2020.