



April 24, 2026
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Mr. Mike Fitchet, Director
Ashtabula County Emergency Management Agency
17 North Market Street
Jefferson, Ohio 44047

RE: Updated Ashtabula County 2026 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Dear Mr. Fitchet,

Thank you for submitting the Ashtabula County 2026 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for our review. As authorized by the FEMA-State Program Administration by States Agreement, reiterated under FEMA-4447-DR-OH, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency has reviewed the Ashtabula County plan and found that it has met the required criteria contained in 44 CFR Part 201.6.

The plan is now approved pending adoption. The next step is for the county and its participating jurisdictions to formally adopt this plan by passing and signing a resolution or ordinance as appropriate. Once the plan has been adopted, please forward copies of the adoption documents to our office. The Mitigation Branch will forward these documents to FEMA Region V. Communities that do not adopt the plan will not be eligible for Federal mitigation funding. After review of the adoption documents, FEMA will issue a letter granting final approval of the plan.

Please note that participating jurisdictions that adopt the plan more than one year after the date of this letter must either:

- Validate that their information in the plan remains current with respect to both the risk assessment (no recent hazard events, no changes in development) and their mitigation strategy (no changes necessary); or
- Make the necessary updates before submitting the adoption resolution to FEMA.

Should you have any questions please contact Luan Nguyen at 614/799-3531, or by email at lnghuyen@dps.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Ferryman, CFM
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Mitigation Branch Chief

Attachments: State-Evaluated Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool dated April 24, 2026

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