

## SECTION 2: PLAN ADOPTION

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This section provides information regarding adoption of the HMP by the Village.

Adoption of the HMP demonstrates the Village's commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in Section 6 of this plan. Adoption legitimizes the HMP and authorizes responsible agencies to execute their responsibilities.

### **Plan Adoption by Local Governing Bodies**

The Village will proceed with formal adoption proceedings when FEMA provides conditional approval of this draft HMP. Following adoption or formal action, the Village shall submit a copy of the resolution or other legal instrument showing formal adoption (acceptance) to NYSEMO. This will then be submitted to FEMA with the resolution in Appendix B. FEMA will transmit acknowledgement of verification of formal adoption and the official approval to the Assistant Commissioner of Planning.

In addition to being required by DMA 2000, adoption of the plan is necessary because:

- It lends authority to the plan to serve as a guiding document for local and state government officials;
- It gives legal status to the plan in the event it is challenged in court;
- It certifies for program and grant administrators that the plan's recommendations have been properly considered and approved by the governing authority and included input from the jurisdiction's citizens; and
- It helps to ensure the continuity of mitigation programs and policies over time because elected officials, staff, and other community decision-makers can refer to the official document when making decisions about the community's future.

Source: FEMA. 2003. "How to Series"-*Bringing the Plan to Life* (FEMA 386-4). August.