



Section 4 Adoption and Approval

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4.1 Interim Final Rule Requirement for Adoption and Approval

*Requirement §201.6(c)(5): [The local hazard mitigation plan shall include] documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan (e.g., City Council, County Commissioner, Tribal Council). For multi-jurisdictional plans, each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan **must** document that it has been formally adopted.*

Requirement §201.6(a)(3): Multi-jurisdictional plans (e.g., watershed plans) may be accepted, as appropriate, as long as each jurisdiction has participated in the process ... Statewide plans will not be accepted as multi-jurisdictional plans.

4.2 Authority

In the State of New Jersey, counties are empowered to manage their own affairs via a governing body known as the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The following is an excerpt from the relevant portion of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated (N.J.S.A. 40:20 et seq.)¹:

The property, finances, and affairs of every county shall be managed, controlled and governed by a board elected therein, to be known as "the board of chosen freeholders of the county of [Morris] and the executive and legislative powers of the county shall be vested in that board of chosen freeholders, except where by law any specific powers or duties are imposed or vested in a Constitutional officer.

The board of chosen freeholders of any county which has created the office of county administrator, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-42, may, by resolution, delegate to that office such executive and administrative powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities as the board may deem appropriate.

¹ New Jersey Office of the Attorney General.



4.3 Adoption and Approval Procedure

[NOTE TO NJOEM/FEMA REVIEWERS: Missing dates below will need to be filled in after these events have taken place]

On [Insert DATE], the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region II determined that the Morris County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (the Plan) was "approvable pending adoption." On [Insert DATE], the Morris County Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee met and recommended that Morris County and the participating municipalities should adopt the Plan. The Plan was submitted to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, as well as the appropriate entity for each participating municipality for review and adoption. The resulting Adoption Resolutions were then submitted to FEMA Region II for approval. FEMA subsequently issued formal approval letters to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM) for Morris County and each participating municipality that adopted the Plan. NJOEM, in turn issued approval letters to the approved jurisdictions.

4.4 Adoption Resolutions

Appendix H contains the signed Adoption Resolutions for Morris County and the participating municipalities.

4.5 Approval Letters

Appendix I contains the formal Approval Letters from FEMA Region II for Morris County and the participating municipalities.