

Public Hearing: December 8, 2008

## **F A C T   S H E E T**

**TITLE:** Resolution to approve City of Lincoln portion of Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

**SPONSOR:** Public Works and Utilities  
Lower Platte South NRD

**OPPONENTS:** Unknown

**OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:** None

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** For

**APPLICANT:** Public Works and Utilities

**REASON FOR LEGISLATION:** To approve the City of Lincoln portion of the Lower Platte South NRD Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

## **D I S C U S S I O N**

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) was passed as a result of escalating disaster costs occurring in the United States. The Act requests cities to prevent damage from a disaster before the disaster hits by emphasizing the importance of pre-disaster mitigation planning. The Act requires that local governments have a mitigation plan in place in order to receive federal disaster mitigation funds.

The Lower Platte South NRD, with funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has contracted with JEO Consulting Group Inc. to create a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan includes a section for the City of Lincoln which has been assembled with input and review by several City departments and the Emergency Management Director. The City of Lincoln section must be approved by resolution of the City Council before the overall plan receives final approval from FEMA.

FEMA also provides funding through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM) which is administered by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). Cities with an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan can apply for funding for the implementation of mitigation projects prior to a disaster event. The City has made application for federal funding of approximately \$6 M for stream channel improvements in the vicinity of Beal Slough at 14<sup>th</sup> Street to reduce the potential for flooding. The project is planned to be completed in partnership with the Lower Platte South NRD and the State of Nebraska, per 2007 State legislation and an interlocal agreement subsequently approved by the City Council in April of this year. The stream channel improvement project is one of the hazard mitigation projects identified in the Hazard Mitigation Plan, and the need for Federal funding for this project is the reason for the urgency to complete the Plan. The application will qualify for approval once the City passes a resolution to adopt the City of Lincoln portion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE:** No

**COST OF TOTAL PROJECT:** None

**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:**

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