



Section 6: Plan Adoption

2016 Plan Update changes: This section was previously Section 4. None of the adoption procedures have changed since the adoption of the 2010 plan.

[Note to Reviewers: Where there is highlighting, these dates will be filled in upon plan approval and adoption.]

6.1 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)⁷³:

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 [Middlesex] 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. 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.

6.2 Adoption and Approval Procedure

On [Insert DATE], FEMA Region II determined that the Middlesex County New Jersey Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was “approvable pending adoption”. The Middlesex County Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee met and recommended that Middlesex County and the participating municipalities should adopt the Plan. The Plan was submitted to the Middlesex 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 NJOEM for Middlesex County and each participating municipality that adopted the Plan. NJOEM, in turn issued approval letters to the approved jurisdictions.

For this plan update, FEMA Region II determined that the Middlesex County New Jersey Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update was “approvable pending adoption” on {insert date}. Subsequently, the Middlesex County Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee met and recommended that Middlesex County and participating municipalities should adopt the Plan Update.

6.3 Adoption Resolutions

Appendix F contains the signed Adoption Resolutions for Middlesex County and all participating municipalities.

⁷³ Source: New Jersey Office of the Attorney General



6.4 Approval Letters

Appendix G contains the formal Approval Letters for Middlesex County and all participating municipalities.