Otter Tail County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Zoom meeting held September 23, 2020

- Required by federal government to receive FEMA mitigation grants
- Cities are required to participate in the plan and adopt the plan by documenting and adopting resolution.
- The plan addresses natural hazards; not manmade hazards. Top hazards identified from 2014 included winter storm, fire, tornado and windstorms.
- Mitigation is reduction or elimination for long term risk to people or property.
- Mitigation Strategies and action categories: Local Planning & Regulations, Structure & Infrastructure Projects, Natural Systems Protection, Education & Awareness, and Mitigation Preparedness and Response Support.

• Timeline:

Fall 2020- completion of local mitigation survey. Broad involvement of the community.

Must address high and moderate risks

Identify hazards and risk prioritization

Local vulnerabilities

Local capabilities

Local mitigation projects

Winter 2020- Spring 2021- Develop and draft plan & initial review

Summer 2021- 2nd meeting to present plan and final mitigation action chart and outreach for comment

Fall- Winter 2021- Plan submission to HSEM (Homeland Security & Emergency Management) for FEMA approval