

## SECTION 4: PLAN ADOPTION

To complete the mitigation planning process, Mercer County followed the formal process for state and federal plan review and local adoption. This section describes that process and includes all dates relevant to plan approval, adoption, and expiration. Adoption resolutions from all jurisdictions are also included.

### 4.1 FEDERAL AND STATE PLAN APPROVAL

After extensive review by stakeholders and the community, the Mercer County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan was submitted to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency Mitigation Branch on **DATE**. The Contractor and EMA incorporated Ohio EMA’s recommended revisions and prepared the plan for submission to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The plan was submitted to FEMA on **DATE**. Upon receipt of conditional approval from FEMA, Mercer County EMA began to pursue adoption by the jurisdictions.

### 4.2 LOCAL ADOPTION

The local plan adoption process began upon receipt of conditional plan approval from FEMA. Mercer County was the first jurisdiction to formally adopt the plan. Following the county’s adoption, the incorporated jurisdictions were asked to formally adopt the plan through legislation. Sample legislation was provided to each jurisdiction to assist in this process. A complete list of plan adoptions by jurisdiction is provided in table 4-1. Adoption resolutions from each jurisdiction are also attached to this section.

**Table 4-1: Jurisdiction Adoption**

Jurisdiction	Date of Adoption
Mercer County	
Burkettsville	
Celina	
Chickasaw	
Coldwater	
Fort Recovery	
Mendon	
Montezuma	
Rockford	
St. Henry	

Following adoption by all jurisdictions, FEMA issued final plan approval on **DATE**. The complete plan was uploaded into the Ohio EMA’s SHARRP portal.

### **4.3 PLAN EXPIRATION**

Upon final approval by FEMA, the Mercer County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan was assigned an expiration date of **DATE**. The process to maintain the plan will be ongoing throughout the five-year period, as explained in section 1.0 The Planning Process. A detailed plan of action for the county's next required plan update will be in place by mid-2026.