The Community Development Department is submitting the following item to be placed on the September 14, 2020 County Council consent agenda.

- A Resolution Regarding St. Charles County’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Application

St. Charles County has periodically secured grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to remove flood-damaged houses from the floodplain. The purposes of these grants are to remove hazards to life, safety, and property and avoid future insurance claims to the National Flood Insurance Program.

St. Charles County has applied through the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a 2019 Hazard Mitigation Grant in an amount up to $1,086,273. This amount will fund the purchase and removal of up to six houses which will be accomplished with the full cooperation of willing homeowners.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, unlike other flood mitigation grants, requires a 25% match. Therefore, the non-Federal match will be up to $271,569. As part of finalizing the County’s application, SEMA is requesting that St. Charles County submit a resolution recognizing this match requirement.

St. Charles County plans to use non-County funding as its match. Either the homeowners or their insurance providers will be expected to provide these funds. Alternatively, should St. Charles County receive anticipated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery funds based on 2019 flooding, Federal regulations would allow CDBG-DR funds to be used as the non-federal match for FEMA grants.

I respectfully request that the St. Charles County Council approve the attached resolution recognizing that a 25% non-Federal match is required for the County’s 2019 Hazard Mitigation Grant Application.