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Manitou Springs Recognized by FEMA for its Integrated Planning Efforts

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – As a City that takes a proactive approach towards hazard mitigation, resiliency, and preparedness, we are pleased to announce that our efforts have been recognized by FEMA for our comprehensive approach to long-term planning.

As a part of FEMA’s National Recognition Program, Manitou Springs was featured in a [case study](#) that highlighted [Plan Manitou](#), the City’s integrated Community Master Plan and Hazard Mitigation Plan. In response, the City of Manitou Springs Planning Director, Christine Lowenberg said “this is a major accomplishment for a community our size to be highlighted by the federal government for its strength in strategic planning and commitment.” FEMA identified success stories from thirteen communities that can be viewed at: <http://bit.ly/MSstorymap> and a direct link to Manitou Springs’ story at: <http://bit.ly/MSdirectlink>.

John Graham, Mayor of Manitou Springs also stated that “Preserving the safety of our community is our utmost goal, and it is great to be recognized for going above and beyond in our hazard and mitigation processes.”

Manitou Springs funded the project through a Colorado Department of Local Affairs program designed to encourage integrated hazard planning.

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