

Linwood Township

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1	All-Hazards	Education & Awareness Programs	Encourage residents to be aware of and prepared for severe weather events, periods of extreme temperatures, and extended power outages.	Existing High 2026-2031	Township Admin / Township EM	Linwood Township shares information with the public by posting information on our township website and the Linwood Senior & Community Center Facebook page. We also utilize the Township Sign and Township Website. We also post information in our township newsletter (Linwood Ledger) and in public locations such as Town Hall and the Senior & Community Center. We will work to participate in public awareness campaigns that encourage residents to be aware of and prepared for severe weather events and extreme temperatures, including the NWS Severe Weather Awareness Week (April), NWS Winter Weather Awareness Week (Nov), and National Preparedness Month (Sept).	Internal: Township Gen. Operating Budget
2	All-Hazards	Education & Awareness Programs	Encourage residents to sign up for emergency notifications to receive timely alerts on severe weather events.	Existing High 2026-2031	Township Admin / Township EM	The Linwood Township will encourage residents to sign up for Anoka County's new Everbridge emergency notification system. We will use our Township website, social media, and printed information posted in public areas to promote sign up and direct people to the Anoka County website to opt-in to receive notifications.	Internal: Township Gen. Operating Budget

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	All-Hazards	Local Planning & Regulations	Enforce Township regulations that help to reduce the risk of storm damages to new development.	Existing High 2026-2031	Township Building Dept.	Linwood Township adopts the MN State Building Code. Enforcement is done through our township Building Department. Building permits are required in Linwood Township to ensure that projects are constructed according to building code and zoning regulations. Rum River Construction Consultants serves as the Designated Building Official for Linwood Township.	Internal: Township Gen. Operating Budget
	All-Hazards	Local Planning & Regulations	Incorporate mitigation strategies across the Township's long-term plans and policies for future growth and new development.	Existing Moderate 2026-2031	Township Admin in coord with other Twp Depts.	Linwood Township code of ordinances includes Chapter 14, Floods, Article II, Floodplain Management. This article regulates development in the flood hazard areas of the town. The ordinance from which this article is derived is adopted to comply with the rules and regulations of the National Flood Insurance Program. In 2019 the township also adopted our 2040 Comprehensive plan, which guides our land use and planning decisions through 2040.	Internal: Township Gen. Operating Budget
	All-Hazards	Structure & Infrastructure Projects	Work to improve egress options for areas of concern in the township to support emergency evacuation.	Existing High 2026-2031	Town Board in coord with Twp. EM, Twp FD, and Twp PW	There are many areas/ neighborhoods within the township that are isolated without multiple forms of egress. We will work to assess the possibility of future road construction projects for areas of concern to support community evacuation if needed from hazards as wildfire and other severe storms.	Internal: Township Gen. Operating Budget

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	Severe Winter & Summer Storms	Mitigation Preparedness & Response Support	Ensure the Township has emergency generator backup power for Township services and buildings.	New High 2026-2031	Township PW / Township EM	Linwood Township has added a generator at the Fire department and Town Hall. We keep the generators maintained to ensure that they are operational.	Internal: Township Gen. Operating Budget
	Severe Winter & Summer Storms	Mitigation Preparedness & Response Support	Reduce the risk of downed trees and branches from severe storms, and convert overhead powerlines to underground when possible.	Existing Moderate 2026-2031	Township Public Works Dept.	Our township public works department manages trimming or removal of trees on Township property to reduce potential damages from severe storms. The Township will work with our electric provider to convert overhead power lines to underground as part of existing or new development.	Internal: Township Gen. Operating Budget External: Electric Utility, FEMA HMGP
	Severe Winter Storms	Natural Systems Protection	Maintain township roads for winter safety.	Existing High 2026-2031	Township Public Works Dept.	Linwood Twp Public Works manages all snow and ice treatments for township roads to maintain safety in winter.	Internal: Township PW Dept.
	Severe Summer Storms	Mitigation Preparedness & Response Support	Continue to maintain and upgrade our outdoor warning sirens.	Existing High 2026-2031	Township EM	We test our outdoor warning sirens monthly in coordination with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. The sirens are maintained on a regular basis. The township will seek to upgrade any sirens if we feel necessary.	Internal: Township Gen. Operating Budget External: FEMA HMGP grant funding
	Severe Summer Storms	Education & Awareness Programs	Encourage residents to be aware of severe windstorms and tornadic weather, to understand warning siren alerts, and to be prepared with personal evacuation or shelter plans.	Existing High 2026-2031	Township Admin / Township EM	The Township will promote tornado awareness and safety during the NWS Severe Weather Awareness week each April, and at other times when tornadic weather is a concern.	Internal: Township Gen. Operating Budget

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	Extreme Temperatures Heat/Cold	Mitigation Preparedness & Response Support	Ensure the Township is prepared to provide emergency sheltering to vulnerable residents during periods of extreme heat or cold events that pose risk to life safety.	Existing High 2026-2031	Township Admin, Township EM	The Linwood Senior & Community Center is our designated facility for emergency sheltering if necessary. During an extreme temperature event that threatens life safety, the Township is prepared to coordinate with our fire department to address emergency sheltering for those who are most vulnerable. If sheltering is required, we will use all Township communication platforms to get information out to the public.	Internal: Township Gen. Operating Budget
	Flooding	Structure & Infrastructure Projects	Plan for and implement stormwater improvement projects that help the Township to handle future high rain events.	Existing High 2026-2031	Township Public Works Dept.	The Linwood 2040 Comprehensive Plan includes Appendix A, Stormwater & Wetlands Standards which guides our stormwater management planning. Our township public works department monitors and addresses any local flooding concerns within the township, such as culvert improvements. We also have a Linwood Township Road & Bridge Committee, who advise the Town Board on township road and bridge projects.	Internal: PW Dept. Budget
	Wildfire	Education & Awareness Programs	Promote public awareness of wildfire danger and burning restrictions during periods of drought.	New Moderate 2026-2031	Twp. Fire Dept.	Our Township Fire Department works to share information on the level of fire danger with residents. If there is a burn ban in effect for the region the Township will enforce it.	Internal: Township General Operating Budget

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	Wildfire	Natural Systems Protection	Work with the MN DNR and Anoka County that manage areas adjacent to Linwood township to address wildfire mitigation planning.	New High 2026-2031	Township Board, Twp Fire Dept. in coord with MN DNR and Anoka County	Wildfire is a concern as there is a wildland urban interface throughout the township including approximately 6000 acres of Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area (owned by MN DNR). In addition to this, Anoka County has a regional park consisting of approximately 800 acres within Linwood. The township will work with the MN DNR and Anoka County to discuss these WUI areas and wildfire mitigation activities that we may partner on, such as wildland fuels reduction and creating defensible space on perimeter areas of the township adjacent to these areas.	Internal: Township General Operating Budget External: MN DNR, Anoka County