



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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TITLE:

2023 TJPDC Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Resolution adopting the 2023 TJPDC Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

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LEGAL REVIEW: Not Required

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 set out requirements for state and local plans to coordinate mitigation planning and implementation efforts. The purpose of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP) is to prepare for natural disasters before they occur, thus reducing loss of life, property damage, and disruption of commerce. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires such a plan as a condition for eligibility in certain mitigation grant programs.

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) is responsible for maintaining the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and updates the plan on a 5-year cycle through a public process, culminating in adoption by all jurisdictions served. The Plan contains specific mitigation strategies each jurisdiction within TJPDC has committed to undertake towards reducing identified risks within the district. The plan was last adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2018. The draft 2023 Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented to the Board on June 15, 2022 during the Plan's public review process. The 2023 Plan update is now complete and FEMA has reviewed and approved the Plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Quality Government Operations - Ensure County government's capacity to provide high quality service that achieves community priorities

DISCUSSION: Attachment A presents the 2023 Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The "Mitigation Strategy" is five broad categories with corresponding goals and objectives. The mitigation strategy was developed through a cooperative effort of the TJPDC Hazard Mitigation Working Group, consisting primarily of planners and emergency operations coordinators from the region. The overarching goals of the hazard mitigation plan were reviewed and revised from the previous plan update. Those goals and objectives were then reviewed by the public in the Hazard Mitigation Public Workshop held by the TJPDC, which further modified the goals and objectives detailed in the Mitigation Strategy. Following that effort, each jurisdiction developed actionable directives or "mitigation action items" to further the Mitigation Strategy before the next Hazard Mitigation Plan update. Strategies specific to Albemarle County begin on page MS-8 of the Plan.

BUDGET IMPACT: There are no direct costs associated with the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan at this time. Future implementation efforts will be incorporated into work plans.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment B) adopting the Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (Attachment A).

ATTACHMENTS:

A - 2023 TJPDC Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

B - Resolution