

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date: May 15, 2023

Action Required: Approve resolution

Presenter: Ian Baxter - TJPDC

Staff Contacts:

Title: Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission 2023 Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan update (1 reading; deferred from April 3)

Background

TJPDC works with officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM), and local emergency managers to develop and maintain a regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. These plans are updated every 5 years and provide details on how our communities can take action to prepare for natural disasters before they strike, thus reducing the potential for loss of life and property damage when disasters do occur. The hazard mitigation efforts are supported by the Hazard Mitigation Working Group, which consists of representatives from each locality in the planning district and other state and community stakeholders.

Hazard mitigation is any action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards. Mitigation planning is a key process used to break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.

Discussion

The 5-year update of the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted by FEMA in January 2023 and subsequently must be adopted by each governing body in the region. The official adoption date is February 1, 2023, the date of the first Resolution of Adoption (Fluvanna County). The full 222-page PDF document and other planning information can be viewed online at: <https://tjpd.org/our-work/hazard-mitigation/>.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

Community Engagement

n/a

Budgetary Impact

n/a

Recommendation

n/a

Alternatives

Attachments

1. TJPDC-City of Charlottesville HMP Resolution