



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Consideration of Eno-Haw Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Aldermen to consider adoption of the community's newly updated hazard mitigation plan. Adoption of a plan on a five-year update cycle is required in order for the Town to maintain its eligibility for hazard mitigation grant funds.

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INFORMATION: The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288), as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, provides the legal basis for State, local, and Indian Tribal governments to undertake a risk-based approach to reducing risks to natural hazards through mitigation planning. Developing a plan is a requirement for local governments to seek hazard mitigation grant funding.

Beginning in 2004, the Town of Carrboro partnered with other Orange County jurisdictions on development and adoption of a hazard mitigation plan. The most recent plan was adopted in 2010 and was effective through May 6, 2015, five years from the date the plan was adopted by the first participating local government (Orange County). Adoption of the new plan is encouraged to take place as soon as possible. In 2014, an expanded multi-jurisdictional planning region was identified. The region, which has been designated 'Eno-Haw' during plan development, includes three contiguous counties, Alamance, Durham, and Orange, and thirteen towns and cities.

The plan development process followed the nine-task process outlined in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) *Local Mitigation Planning Handbook* - <http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1910-25045-9160/fema_local_mitigation_handbook.pdf>. In addition to the compilation of data and community input, the plan also considered information included in FEMA's *Mitigation Ideas: A Resource for Reducing Risk to Natural Hazards* - <http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1904-25045-2423/fema_mitigation_ideas_final_01252013.pdf>. Funding for a consultant to assist with the plan development process was provided by North Carolina Emergency Management. The plan and appendices are included as *Attachments B, C, and D*. The plan has been found to be in compliance with federal and state requirements, subject to formal community adoption (*Attachment E*).

The Board of Aldermen considered the previous plan on two occasions in 2010. See agenda materials at <http://www01.townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2010/05_18_2010.htm> (Item 3) and <http://www01.townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2010/06_08_2010.htm> (Item 1)

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: None.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend that the Board of Aldermen consider adoption of the resolution (*Attachment A*) adopting the Eno-Haw Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.