

Resolution No.: 16-41
Introduced: January 30, 2007
Adopted: February 6, 2007

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Approval of the Montgomery County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2007

Background

1. The Hazard Mitigation Annex of the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Plan, Annex Z, is one of 26 functional annexes of the County's Emergency Operations Plan. The County's Hazard Mitigation Plan, known as Annex Z, was last approved by the County Council by Resolution 14-569 on June 27, 2000. Upon adoption of this resolution, the County's Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2007, updates Annex Z of the Emergency Operations Plan.
2. On October 30, 2000, the President signed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390). To reduce the effects of disasters the law encourages, among other initiatives, a planning process based on cooperation between state and local authorities, and the community-at-large. The law recognizes local and state pre-disaster planning and promotes sustainability as a strategy for disaster resistance. Under the regulations implementing this law, states and local governments must have an approved, adopted hazard mitigation plan in place to continue to be eligible for pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is responsible for reviewing and approving state and local plans.
3. In February 2005, the County submitted an initial draft of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (M-HMP) to the state reviewing body, Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), and incorporated recommended comments and addressed issues raised. The M-HMP was updated regarding recently declared emergencies. On January 12, 2007, the County forwarded its final draft of the M-HMP to MEMA for review. On January 16, 2007, the County received notice that MEMA determined that the County's final draft M-HMP satisfied the requirements of 44 CFR 201.6.
4. On January 30, 2007, the County Council's Public Safety Committee reviewed the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will be incorporated into the Emergency Operations Plan as Annex Z, and recommended approval.

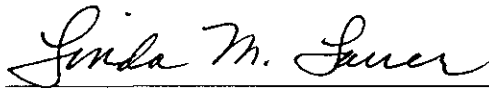
Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following resolution:

The Montgomery County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, 2007, is approved and incorporated into the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Plan as Annex Z. A copy of the Plan is on file in the Council's Office of Legislative Information Services.

Any future revisions or updates of the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan must be approved by Council resolution.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



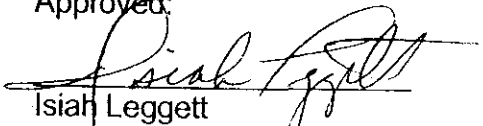
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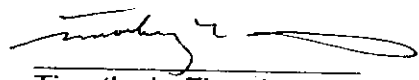
Montgomery County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2007

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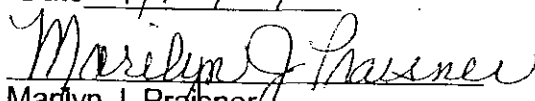
1. The Montgomery County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2007 is approved and promulgated.
2. Montgomery County Government Departments and Agencies are directed to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the occurrence of events involving disasters or major emergencies which threaten the safety and property of individuals living, working, or visiting our County and to minimize the effects of such events in accordance with the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Plan.
3. The Montgomery County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2007 will identify potential mitigation actions and strategies for future initiatives for County Departments, Agencies and other organizations to reduce the effects of natural hazards, which may threaten the safety of residents, workers and visitors, as well as property in the County.
4. To maintain a current Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, the Plan will be approved every four years as Annex Z, and each Department and Agency will prepare recommendations for mitigation strategies annually to prevent and reduce the impact of natural disasters and to submit such recommendations, when identified and after each emergency or disaster occurrence, to the Office of Emergency Management, Homeland Security Department.
5. Municipalities, private and volunteer organizations capable of providing assistance in planning and implementation of mitigation strategies are strongly encouraged to furnish such support in accordance with the process outlined in the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Approved:


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County Executive


Timothy L. Firestine
Chief Administrative Officer
Director, Emergency Management

Date 1/19/07


Marilyn J. Pralsner
County Council President

Date _____

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