

Resolution No.:	<u>17-832</u>
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**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: The Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013

Background

1. The Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan was first approved by the County Council by Resolution 14-569 in June 2000, and an updated Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by resolution 16-41 in February 2007. Upon adoption of this resolution, the County's 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013 supersedes all previous County mitigation plans.
2. On October 30, 2000, the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) was signed into law. To reduce the effects of disasters, the law encourages, among other initiatives, a planning process based on cooperation among state and local authorities, community partners and the public at large. The law recognizes local and state pre-disaster planning and promotes "resiliency" as a major mitigation strategy. Under the regulations implementing this law, states and local governments must have an approved and adopted hazard mitigation plan in order to maintain eligibility for pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant funding. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is responsible for reviewing and approving state and local plans.
3. The Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013 is a major update to the 2007 Hazard Mitigation Plan and is in accordance with following state and federal rules and regulations governing local hazard mitigation plans.
 - Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §5121 *et seq.*, Section 322 (*Mitigation Planning*) (42 U.S.C. §5165), as enacted by Section 104 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-390), and FEMA's Interim Final Rule published in the Federal Register on February 26, 2002, at 44 CFR Part 201.
 - Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) established under Section 14-103 in the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Code. The Emergency Management Policy was updated in 1991 through Executive Order 01.01.1991.02 State of Maryland Emergency Management Policy.

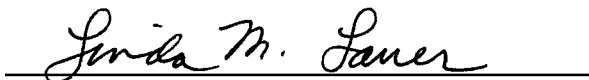
4. In developing this plan, a core planning team was assembled consisting of County agencies, municipalities, utility companies, and community and volunteer organizations. Two public hearings were held to solicit public input. The purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is to identify policies, capabilities, activities and tools to help make Montgomery County more resilient in the face of future disasters.
5. In August 2012, the County submitted its initial draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) for review and incorporated all comments satisfactorily. In October 2012, the County forwarded its final Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and approval. On April 24, 2013, the County received notice that FEMA determined that the County's 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan satisfied all the requirements of 44 CFR 201.6 and is approved, pending adoption.
6. The County Council's Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment Committee met on July 18, 2013 and recommended approval of the Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013 with some technical edits and corrections. The July 30, 2013 draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013 includes these changes.

Action

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

The County Council approves and adopts the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2013 (dated July 30, 2013).

This is a correct copy of Council action.


Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council