

City of Annapolis Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2018 Update

Staff Report

The purpose of this Resolution is to adopt the 2018 City of Annapolis Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to maintain eligibility for disaster funding for large scale emergencies and disasters, as well as mitigation grant funding.

To support better mitigation planning in order to prepare for and minimize the impacts of disasters in the future, Congress enacted the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000). In 2002, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued regulations to implement requirements for mitigation planning by states and communities. FEMA is the lead agency supporting implementation of the DMA 2000 requirements and makes funds available to support efforts to meet these requirements.

The purpose of the plan is to assess the communities' vulnerabilities to natural hazards and prepare a long-term strategy to address these hazards and prevent future damage and loss of life of Annapolis city residents; and

To be eligible for FEMA funds, state and local entities were required to prepare DMA 2000 Hazard Mitigation Plans for natural hazards; the City of Annapolis met that requirement in 2005. The City of Annapolis Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was updated in 2009 and 2013, which updates were the outcome of participation from state, county and municipal officials, residents, business owners, and other agencies; and

Prepared by the Office of Emergency Management.