

City of Annapolis Hazard Mitigation Plan Overview

The City’s Hazard Mitigation Plan forms the foundation for a long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. The purpose of this plan is to identify, plan, and implement cost-effective hazard mitigation measures through a comprehensive approach known as hazard mitigation planning. The 2023 plan is an update to the 2018 City of Annapolis Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires hazard mitigation plans to be updated every five years.

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The City of Annapolis obtained grant funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist in the update of the *2018 City of Annapolis Hazard Mitigation Plan*. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) oversaw the grant process and Deputy Director, Dave Mandell, served as the Project Manager. Smith Planning and Design (SP&D) was contracted to assist in the development of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

A Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) was formed to oversee this plan update process. The committee met periodically to review and discuss various elements of the plan update. Forty-two representatives from various municipal, county, and state government entities, as well as other organizations comprised the HMPC.

Key tasks completed by the City of Annapolis during the planning process included:

- Identifying hazards, assessing vulnerabilities, and understanding significant risks;
- Facilitating planning team meetings, public involvement, and decision making activities;
- Identifying and developing hazard mitigation projects that are appropriate and relevant for the City; and
- Creating an organized and functional plan document, including maps and other graphics.

Approved and locally adopted hazard mitigation plans are necessary for specific FEMA grant project funding eligibility, including, but not limited to:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP);
- Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program (FMAG); and,
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC);

A website was developed for this planning project at www.annapolishazards.org/ and has been shared with the public. The draft **2023 City of Annapolis Hazard Mitigation Plan Update** is available on the project website.

To ensure that the City of Annapolis is covered by the **2023 City of Annapolis Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**, thus remaining eligible for grant funding, the City must **adopt** the plan. The official Resolution of Adoption by the City must be submitted to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which will result in an approval letter from FEMA. City of Annapolis OEM staff will facilitate this submittal.