

8. ALL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN

Under separate cover with this agenda, please find the final draft of the Southampton County All Hazards-Mitigation Plan. Development of this document was facilitated by the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and Salters Creek Consulting, a Hampton-based consultant. Its purpose is to address all natural and manmade hazards that could potentially affect the County and any of its incorporated towns. The goal of the plan is to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to life and property from known hazards by identifying and implementing effective mitigation strategies and actions.

Ms. Leigh Morgan with Salters Creek Consulting, the plan author, will be at your meeting to provide an overview and answer any questions that you may have. The plan was approved by the Planning Commission last July.

The All-Hazards Mitigation Plan has been designed to meet all applicable federal regulations per the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and local planning requirements established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Preparation of the plan was funded entirely with a grant from FEMA.

Its completion and adoption are prerequisites for any future grants through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program or Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). An approved plan is also required for eligibility to receive direct public assistance during federally-declared emergencies and disasters (such as Hurricane Irene last August).

In accordance with Federal Planning requirements, the local governing bodies of the County and each participating town must review and approve that portion of the overall plan that affects their respective jurisdiction. The final versions of the plan have been forwarded to each of the incorporated towns for adoption by their respective town councils. Following the plan adoption process, Southampton County will submit the completed All-Hazards Mitigation Plan for final approval by FEMA and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

Attached for your consideration on pages 8-3 and 8-4, please find a resolution adopting the 2011 All-Hazards Mitigation Plan.

MOTION REQUIRED: A motion is required to adopt the attached resolution approving the 2011 All Hazards Mitigation Plan.