



Agenda Item: (leave a blank)

Date: (of the meeting)

TO: Board of Commissioners

THRU: Russ Abolt, County Manager

FROM: Clayton Scott, CEMA Director

SUBJECT: To Adopt through Resolution the Chatham County Multi-Jurisdiction Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

BACKGROUND:

The Chatham Emergency Management Agency is pleased to announce the completion of the 2010 Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan. The purpose of this Plan is to consolidate and organize data from natural and technological hazard assessments and prioritize mitigation actions in order to make Chatham County eligible for project grants to reduce the impact of natural disasters. The Plan development process has involved a partnership between public and private agencies, business and industry, and the government organizations responsible for local mitigation measures.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has Conditionally Approved the Plan. Final approval will be granted once the Plan is adopted by local governments.
2. FEMA requires an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to receive Hazards Mitigation Program project grants. Without these grants, many of the necessary mitigation actions will have to be deferred or obviated.
3. Chatham County has 142 Hazard Mitigation Projects identified by the Plan.
4. Adoption by Resolution is being solicited from each municipality in Chatham County. Adoption by signature is being solicited from the Savannah Chatham Public School System, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah State University, South University and Savannah Technical College.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt through Resolution the Chatham County Multi-Jurisdiction Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan.
2. Do not adopt through Resolution the Chatham County Multi-Jurisdiction Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan (lack of adoption disqualifies Chatham County for Federal grant funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program).

FUNDING:

No funding required.

POLICY ANALYSIS:

It is the policy of the Board of Commissioners to comply with State and Federal Regulations.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board adopt Alternative 1.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PURSUANT TO THE DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000
AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE
CHATHAM COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTION PRE-DISASTER HAZARD
MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Chatham County and its municipal governments are required to complete a Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, local governments that complete Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plans will remain eligible for Federal mitigation funding; and

WHEREAS, Chatham County and its municipal governments have completed a Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan that fulfills the Federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE CHATHAM COUNTY COMMISSION FORMALLY ADOPTS THE CHATHAM COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTION PRE-DISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

RESOLVED THIS 5th DAY OF November, 2010

Pete Liakakis

Signed: Name, County Commission Chairman

Francis G. Rasmussen, Deputy Clerk

Attest: Name, County Manager / County Clerk

