

STAFF REPORT

2020 - 2025 Wake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

December 17, 2019 Town Council Meeting



The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments and make a recommendation to Town Council on the adoption of the Wake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Attachments

1. [Wake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)
2. U.S. Department of Homeland Security FEMA Region IV approval letter
3. Resolution to Adopt the Wake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Wake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan:

In an effort to reduce the nation's mounting natural disaster losses, the U.S. Congress passed two acts, both of which require state and local governments to develop hazard mitigation plans as a condition for federal mitigation grant assistance. The acts are:

- the 1988 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and
- the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000).

These funds are administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Department of Homeland Security, and include:

- the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP),
- the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program (PDM), and
- the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA).

DMA 2000 also requires that jurisdictions update their hazard mitigation plans every five years. If the approved hazard mitigation plan expires and a new one is not adopted, that jurisdiction is not eligible for those grants.

The Town of Apex's initial Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved in 2004, and has been updated every 5 years since. The Update Plan includes a review of the last five years to ensure the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan has been completed, a list of any hazard mitigation or issues that have occurred in the last five years, and a plan for the next five years.

In 2014, Wake County and the municipalities within the County joined together to develop the first Wake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Previously, each jurisdiction had developed its own, individual Hazard Mitigation Plan. The 2014 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan will expire in January 2020. In order to remain compliant with federal regulations, the Wood Company was contracted by the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management to complete the 2020 – 2025 Wake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Who Will Benefit From This Plan?

The citizens and businesses of Apex are the ultimate beneficiaries of the 2020 - 2025 Wake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan strives to reduce risk for those who live in, work in, and visit Apex. It provides a viable planning framework for all foreseeable hazards that may impact the Town. Participation in development of the plan by key stakeholders has helped to ensure mutually beneficial outcomes. The resources and background information in the plan are applicable town-wide, and the plan's goals and recommendations lay groundwork for the development and implementation of local mitigation activities and partnerships.

The 2020 - 2025 Wake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan seeks to reduce the instances where the worlds of violent natural occurrence and the human environment intersect. By reducing the risk of

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personal injury and property damage, a community can lessen the effects of a “disaster” when one of these events crosses paths with people.

Town of Apex Hazard Mitigation Plan Members

Each year, the Hazard Mitigation Plan members meet to discuss and review the Hazard Mitigation Plan. To prepare for the updated Wake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan the members met several times in 2019.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan Members include the following:

Department	Committee Designee
Administration	Drew Havens, Town Manager Shawn Purvis, Assistant Town Manager Marty Stone, Assistant Town Manager (formerly Water Resources Director) David Hughes, Assistant Town Manager (retired)
Electric	Rodney Smith, Technical Services Manager
Finance	Vance Holloman, Director
Fire Department	Keith McGee, Fire Chief Preston Clark, Assistant Chief
Information Technology	Erika Sacco, Director Mike Boyd, Analyst
Parks & Recreation	John Brown, Director
Planning	Amanda Bunce, Current Planning Manager Shelly Mayo, Planner II Will Brown, GIS Analyst
Police	John Letteney, Police Chief Captain Joseph Best
Public Works & Transportation	Jose Martinez, Director Adam Stephenson, Floodplain Administrator Chad Lemasters, Public Works Operations Manager Randy Bennetts, Street Supervisor
Water Resources	Mike Deaton, Stormwater and Utility Engineering Manager

ACTION PLAN

The 2020 - 2025 Wake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan includes an Action Plan for each jurisdiction; the Town of Apex’s Plan is listed in Annex C, which is included in Attachment 1 (starting on page 310). The Action Plan includes action items that reduce the Town of Apex’s vulnerability to the effects of natural hazards. The Action Plan is the core of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and includes an outline of mitigation actions by each department, priority, and target date of completion. Many of these items are also listed in the Town’s Capital Improvement Plan. The Plan recommends an annual report outlining progress on Mitigation Action Implementation. The annual report ensures that goals and objectives continue to address current and expected conditions.

STATUS

The North Carolina Division of Emergency Management and FEMA have completed a State and Federal review of the Wake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for compliance with the federal hazard mitigation planning standards (Please see Attachment 2).

In order for the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management and FEMA to issue a formal approval of the

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plan, the Town of Apex and other Wake County jurisdictions must submit documentation of the final public meeting and adoption. Upon submittal of these items the State and FEMA will issue formal approval of the Wake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

PLANNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Staff recommends approval and adoption of the 2020 - 2025 Wake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Board heard this proposal at the December 9, 2019 public hearing. They unanimously voted to recommend approval and adoption of the 2020 - 2025 Wake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.