



AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

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DEPARTMENT: Community
Development

MEETING: Town Council – March 10, 2026

SUBJECT: SENC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of the SENC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan is to reduce long-term risk to life and property from natural hazards. The plan includes Brunswick County, New Hanover County, Onslow County, and Pender County. The plan meets FEMA, CRS, and NC Emergency Management requirements, maintains the Town's eligibility for federal mitigation funding, and strengthens regional coordination across jurisdictions.

Hazard Mitigation is defined as any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from hazards. The focus of the plan is on hazards deemed to be "high" or "moderate" risks to our region, as determined by a hazard risk assessment.

The plan documents sustained efforts to incorporate hazard mitigation principles and practices into routine governmental activities and functions. The plan recommends specific actions to minimize vulnerability to hazards and protect residents. The plan is a living document to be updated every five years to maintain eligibility for federal mitigation and public assistance funding. Through routine annual progress tracking the goals from this plan are integrated into Town policies and land use planning.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Support the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

1. Authorize submission to NC Emergency Management and FEMA
2. Adopt the Plan by Resolution upon final approval

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Adopt Resolution Number 26-2347 to adopt the 2026 Southeastern Mitigation Plan

ATTACHMENT:

 [020526 DRAFT SENC Regional HMP.pdf](#)