

# Staff Report

**Subject:** Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Ordinance  
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**Department:** 20-EMA  
**Meeting Date:** 12/05/2023  
**Item Description:** Consideration to Approve an Ordinance Adopting the Effingham County 2023 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

**Summary Recommendation:** Staff recommends approving an ordinance adopting the Effingham County 2023 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

## **Executive Summary/Background:**

The purpose of the Effingham County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is to create a safer community for Effingham County residents by reducing or eliminating the long-term risk to human life, property, and environmental degradation from hazards.

1. This document, referred to as the Effingham County Joint Hazard Mitigation Plan, is the official update to the plan submitted to and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IV in January 2006. The contents of this document are intended to provide the framework for hazard mitigation strategies and actions undertaken by local governments within Effingham County.
2. The purpose of completing these proposed hazard mitigation actions is ultimately the reduction of the overall level of exposure and risk to the citizens of Effingham County, Georgia.
3. The Hazard Mitigation Plan Update will meet the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 Public Law 106-390, October 30, 2000, as stipulated in the Interim Final Rule 44 CFR 201.4 Standard State Plan criteria, published on February 26, 2002. Meeting the regulations will allow Effingham County to maintain eligibility and qualify to secure all federally declared disaster assistance, including certain types of Public Assistance and hazard mitigation grants available through the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act

## **Options/Alternatives for Commission to Consider:**

**Recommended:** Approval of an Ordinance Adopting the Effingham County 2023 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

**Other Alternative(s):** Deny

**Department Review:** EMA

**Funding Source:** The Effingham County Board of Commissioners approved a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$26,000 on Jan 18, 2022. No further funding is required.

**Attachments:** Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan  
Resolution to Adopt the HMP