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Agenda Item:	Continuing Business
Date:	03/04/2026

Issue: Review of Southeastern North Carolina Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and Proposed Adoption Resolution

Department: Planning

Prepared by: Deborah J. Hill MPA AICP CFM

Presentation: Yes

BACKGROUND On February 11, 2026, the Board of Aldermen adopted the Mitigation Action Strategies, which were submitted to the consultant ESP Associates, Inc. to be included in the draft Southeastern North Carolina Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

On February 12, 2026, the Planning Board reviewed the Southeastern North Carolina Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Resolution to adopt the SENC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

BACKGROUND **Mrs. Ward made a motion that the Planning Board recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt by resolution the Southeastern North Carolina Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as attached. Mrs. Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.**

ATTACHMENT

1. Resolution to Adopt the Southeastern North Carolina Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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RESOLUTION
ADOPTING THE SOUTHEASTERN NORTH CAROLINA REGIONAL
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the citizens and property within the Town of North Topsail Beach are subject to the effects of natural hazards that pose threats to lives and cause damage to property, and with the knowledge and experience that certain areas of the town are particularly vulnerable to drought, extreme heat, hailstorm, hurricane and tropical storm, lightning, thunderstorm wind/high wind, tornado, winter storm and freeze, flood, hazardous material incident, and wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to seek ways to mitigate the impact of identified hazard risks; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Article 5, Section 160D-501 of Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes, delegated to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has enacted General Statute Section 166A-19.41 (*State emergency assistance funds*) which provides that for a state of emergency declared pursuant to G.S. 166A-19.20(a) after the deadline established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the eligible entity shall have a hazard mitigation plan approved pursuant to the Stafford Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended, states that local governments must develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and other disaster-related assistance funding and that said Plan must be updated and adopted within a five-year cycle; and

WHEREAS the Town of North Topsail Beach Board of Aldermen has performed a comprehensive review and evaluation of each section of the previously approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and has updated the said plan as required under regulations and at 44 CFR Part 201 and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, and that the plans have been updated in accordance with federal laws including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; as required under regulations at 44 CFR Part 201, and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the North Topsail Beach Board of Aldermen to fulfill this obligation in order that the Town will be eligible for federal and state assistance in the event that a state of disaster is declared for a hazard event affecting the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the North Topsail Beach Board of Aldermen hereby:

1. Adopts the Southeastern North Carolina Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
2. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Adopted this the 4th day of MARCH 2026.

Richard Grant, Mayor

Attest:

Alexis "Lexi" Stanfield, NCCCC
Town Clerk

Certified by: _____ (SEAL)

Date: _____