



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: March 4, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Consideration of Adoption of Outer Banks Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

ITEM SUMMARY:

Local governments are required to have an adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible for Federal and State grant funding and disaster assistance and they must be updated every five years. The main purpose of a Hazard Mitigation Plan is to reduce vulnerability to disasters. Hazard Mitigation Plans also enable local governments to gain points in the Community Rating System (CRS) program which results in lower flood insurance rates for property owners. The Town's currently adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan is the Outer Banks Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan that was adopted in August, 2020.

In April, 2024, work began on an update to the Outer Banks Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan which includes Currituck County, Dare County, and all of its municipalities with the assistance of the WSP consulting firm. The Town was represented on the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee by Planning Board Chairperson Andy Ward, Planning Board Vice Chairperson Tony DiBernardo, Public Works Director David Bradley, and Deputy Town Manager/Planning Director Wes Haskett. The meeting agendas, meeting minutes, draft plan, and other project information can be found on the project website at <http://www.obx-hmp.com/> (link also on Town website under Planning & Code Enforcement Dept., Hazard Mitigation). The draft plan has a total of 709 pages. The pages that specifically address the Town of Southern Shores can be found on pages 526 to 546.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Adoption of the Outer Banks Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan through approval of Resolution 2025-03-02.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Motion to adopt the Outer Banks Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan through approval of Resolution 2025-03-02.