



Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda Item Submittal

Item To Be Considered: **Resolution Adopting the 2026-2031 Southeastern North Carolina Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Board Meeting Date: **February 24, 2026**

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Overview: The North Carolina State Firefighters Association (NCSFA) provides annual funding to support agency members across all North Carolina fire departments. To oversee the management of these funds, NCSFA has established rules outlining a five-member “relief fund board” for each agency.

Expanded overview: The Town of Swansboro participates in the Southeastern North Carolina Regional Hazard Mitigation Planning Group alongside other municipalities in Onslow, Pender, Brunswick, and New Hanover Counties. The 2026 Southeastern North Carolina Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan represents a coordinated, multi-jurisdictional effort to identify risks, assess vulnerabilities, and implement proactive strategies that strengthen community resilience.

Hazard mitigation planning is a federally required, FEMA-supported process that enables communities to systematically evaluate the potential impacts of natural and human-caused hazards and develop long-term strategies to reduce or eliminate those risks. Participation in this regional planning effort ensures continued eligibility for state and federal mitigation grant funding, including programs administered through FEMA and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management.

Throughout the planning cycle, Swansboro collaborated with regional partners, subject matter experts, and stakeholders to update hazard profiles, assess critical infrastructure, review historical disaster impacts, and prioritize mitigation actions. Specific hazards evaluated include hurricanes, coastal flooding, storm surge, severe weather, wildfire, and other identified threats that pose risk to life, property, and continuity of operations.

By working collectively with Southeastern regional partners, the Town contributed to the development of actionable mitigation strategies designed to protect residents, safeguard infrastructure, and strengthen long-term sustainability. Adoption of the 2026 Plan formally acknowledges the Town’s commitment to proactive risk management, intergovernmental coordination, and the continued protection of the community from both natural and manmade hazards.

Approval of this agenda item authorizes the Town to formally adopt the updated Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and its associated mitigation strategies, ensuring Swansboro remains aligned with regional resilience initiatives and eligible for future hazard mitigation funding opportunities.

** Due to the size of the document, it is available for review upon request.

Background Attachment(s): Resolution 2026-R3

Recommended Action: Adoption of the 2026-2031 Southeastern North Carolina Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and execution of Resolution 2026-R3.

Action: _____

