

TO: General Government Committee
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SUBJECT: Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region Update

1) Recommended Action:

Read materials and be prepared to discuss as part of a briefing on the 2023 *Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region* update.

2) Background:

The Thurston Region is susceptible to many natural hazards. In order to receive federal mitigation funding and assistance in the event of a natural disaster, the City must develop a plan to reduce impacts to people, property, and the economy.

The City Council adopted the third edition of the *Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Thurston Region* in 2017. The Plan was based on a multi-jurisdictional process to develop mitigation strategies to reduce the risks of the most destructive hazards that threaten the region. The City is required to update their plan every five years and have it approved by FEMA to maintain eligibility for federal mitigation grant programs. The City has an annex in the Plan that identified initiatives that the City will undertake to address hazards present in the City.

Over 20 local agencies in Thurston County have been working together to prepare the fourth edition of the Plan in 2022-23. Several workgroup meetings have been held, and other opportunities for public engagement will be publicized on the project website (<https://trpc.org/160/Hazards-Mitigation-Plan>).

3) Policy Support:

Goal C-1: Recognize the significant role played by natural features and systems in determining the overall environmental quality and livability of Tumwater.

Goal LU-1: Ensure the Land Use Element is implementable and coordinated with all applicable City plans and the plans of other jurisdictions in the Thurston region.

City Council 2023 Strategic Priorities – Continue to update and advance the Climate Action Plan, Update the Tree Protection Ordinance, Expand the Community Risk Reduction Program, Implement City Emergency Management Program

4) Alternatives:

☐ None.

5) Fiscal Notes:

This is entirely an internally funded work program task.

6) Attachments:

- A. Presentation
- B. City of Tumwater Draft Initiatives