



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 24, 2019 Agenda Item 4

Voting Session

Resolution Adopting the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Recommended Council Action

Adopt the resolution.

Context with Key Issues

The Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security has prepared a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County with input from all jurisdictions within Montgomery County.

The purpose of the plan is to provide mitigation strategies to reduce effects of a disaster before one occurs in a vulnerable area or after a disaster to focus on a long-term measure to lessen future disaster impacts.

Adopting the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan allows for jurisdictions within Montgomery County to apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for funding for mitigation projects.

The City Council received a presentation on the Plan on July 17, 2019. After the meeting, the draft resolution was revised to note that the City is in the process of creating a new Sustainability and Climate Action Plan to be completed in the fall of 2019 which will identify strategies for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and integration of adaptation and resiliency methods into the strategies.

Additionally, the draft resolution now notes that the Community Profile for the City of Takoma Park on page 23 of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is from the City's Master Plan which was completed in 2000. The language should be updated in the next Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

Council Priority

Engaged, Responsive & Service-Oriented Government

Environmental Considerations

Weather related disasters are most likely to cause flooding, damage to buildings and trees, and damage to infrastructure. Mitigation plans help to lessen impacts that can cause damage.

Fiscal Considerations

Depends upon the mitigation project. For those projects that receive grant money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, there will be a saving in City expenses.

Racial Equity Considerations

The plan is intended to ensure that, before or after a disaster, strategies are in place to reduce future disasters and the effects on all residents in the city. It is important all City departments know the threats and hazards which could affect city services and protection measures for all residents of

the City of Takoma Park. Such an all-City approach helps residents who have fewer resources to prepare for and weather an emergency.

Attachments and Links

- Resolution Adopting the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- [Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan](#)
- [FEMA Hazard Mitigation Planning](#)

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2019-

ADOPTING THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN OF 2018

WHEREAS, the purpose of hazard mitigation planning is to identify and assess risks from natural hazards and develop sustained actions to be taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects; and

WHEREAS, the last Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted by the City Council on January 13, 2014 by Resolution 2014-1; and

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security prepared an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan with input from all jurisdictions within Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Plan was adopted by the Montgomery County Council on April 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, adopting the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan allows for jurisdictions within Montgomery County to apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for funding for mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Community Profile for the City of Takoma Park, located on page 23 of the 2018 Plan, includes language from the City's Master Plan which was completed in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the description is no longer accurate and should be updated in the next Hazard Mitigation Plan update; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented to the City Council on July 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City is in the process of creating a new Sustainability and Climate Action Plan to be completed in the fall of 2019 which will identify strategies for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and integration of adaptation and resiliency methods into the strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2018 is adopted.

This Resolution was adopted on _____, 2019.

Attest: Jessie Carpenter, CMC
 City Clerk