



## **Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 11, 2024 Agenda Item 4**

### **Voting Session**

Resolution Adopting the 2024 Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan

### **Recommended Council Action**

The City Council received a presentation on the plan at the work session on September 4. It is recommended that the City Council adopt the plan by resolution. Once adopted and signed, the Plan will be forwarded to the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS), Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

### **Context with Key Issues**

The 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is a roadmap for the coordination and execution of hazard mitigation policies and initiatives for jurisdictions within Montgomery County. It describes the characteristics of hazards that threaten the community, as well as mitigation goals, strategies, and associated actions to aid jurisdictions in reducing risks and minimizing damages by taking proactive steps before disaster strikes.

Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS) developed the HMP in collaboration with emergency managers and planning officers from 19 municipalities. Takoma Park's Emergency Preparedness Manager participated in all phases of development and review, and will play a key role in tracking and sharing updates relevant to funding priorities and future HMP revisions.

### **Council Priority**

Advancing a Community of Belonging  
Environmentally Sustainable Community  
Engaged, Responsive, Service-Oriented Government

### **Environmental Considerations**

The HMP provides a thorough description of the effects of climate change on potential hazards including: extreme temperatures, change in wind pattern and intensity, storm frequency, and flooding. The HMP also recognizes components of a successful mitigation strategy: public awareness and community engagement, green infrastructure planning, sustainable transportation and farming, and data collection and preparedness.

### **Fiscal Considerations**

Adoption of the HMP shows the City of Takoma Park remains committed to local and regional preparedness coordination. Furthermore, adoption of this plan ensures that Takoma Park maintains eligibility for mitigation funding through the Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

The HMP includes a Social-Vulnerability Index (SVI) Assessment and a Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) that operationalizes variables related to Racial and Ethnic Minority Status. Outcomes from this assessment across 215 Montgomery County census tracts indicate that the most vulnerable areas are largely clustered in the central region along I-270 and in the south-southeastern portion near the borders with the District of Columbia and Prince George's County, which includes Takoma Park.

### **Attachments and Links**

[2024 Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan  
Presentation to Takoma Park City Council \(September 4, 2024\)](#)

Draft Resolution

Introduced by:

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND**

**RESOLUTION**

**ADOPTING THE 2024 MONTGOMERY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council recognizes the need for the coordination and execution of hazard mitigation policies and initiatives; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park has a responsibility to provide for the safety and wellbeing of its residents, employees, and visitors; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park has established and appointed an Emergency Preparedness Manager to oversee emergency preparedness for the City and to ensure that emergency plans are kept up to date.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland hereby adopts the 2024 Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Emergency Preparedness Manager, or their designee, is tasked and authorized to maintain and revise as necessary this document over the next five-year period or until such time it be ordered to come before this Council.

**Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2024.**

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC  
City Clerk