WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park has an interest in reducing the risk of loss of life, personal injury, and property damage from flooding in the City and in developing mitigation strategies for those areas identified as at risk of flooding; and,

WHEREAS, a Flood Mitigation Plan has been prepared for the City, funded by a grant from the Maryland Emergency Management Agency; and,

WHEREAS, implementation of such a plan can decrease the likelihood of flood damage by planning and undertaking hazard mitigation measures; and,

WHEREAS, these mitigation strategies include preventive measures such as ordinances related to flood plain management, structural projects, emergency services, natural resource protection, and providing public information; and,

WHEREAS, the development of the Flood Mitigation Plan was overseen by a Mitigation Core Team consisting of City and Montgomery County staff and representatives of the Takoma Park Committee on the Environment and Friends of Sligo Creek: and,

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to express its support for adoption and implementation of the Flood Mitigation Plan and authorizes the City Manager to proceed with implementation of the Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the draft Flood Mitigation Plan follows federal guidelines applicable to all units of government, recommending an all hazards plan for emergency operations; and,

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Flood Mitigation Core Team has reviewed the draft Flood Mitigation Plan and has recommended its adoption; and,

WHEREAS, the Maryland Emergency Management Agency has reviewed and approved the draft Flood Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, once the Flood Mitigation Plan is adopted by the City Council, the Plan will be sent to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for approval; and,

WHEREAS, City staff will work with State and County officials to implement the provisions of this Flood Mitigation Plan, including identification of funding sources.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK MARYLAND THAT:

SECTION 1. The Takoma Park Flood Mitigation Plan shall serve as the framework for the City’s efforts to reduce flooding hazards affecting the City of Takoma Park and its inhabitants.

SECTION 2. The City Manager shall be authorized to take the necessary measures to implement the Takoma Park Flood Mitigation Plan.

Adopted this 22nd day of November, 2010.

Attest:

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Jessie Carpenter
City Clerk