

Introduced by: Councilmember Grimes

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2014-1

ADOPTING THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN OF 2013

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2013 (“the Plan”) was developed by a core planning team including county agencies, utility companies, community and volunteer organizations, and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been approved by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Plan was adopted by the Montgomery County Council on July 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan is to identify policies, capabilities, activities and tools to help make Montgomery County and its municipalities more resilient in the face of future disasters; and

WHEREAS, the County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS) is asking all municipalities to adopt the Plan in order to have a uniform approach to hazard events and for municipalities to be eligible for FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant funding; and

WHEREAS, certain specific references to the City of Takoma Park within the Plan are not factually correct; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has informed OEMHS that the plan will be submitted to the City Council for approval contingent upon the inaccuracies being corrected when the plan is next updated; and

WHEREAS, the inaccuracies are listed on the attachment to this resolution and said list is incorporated by reference herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2013 is adopted subject to Takoma Park changes at the earliest opportunity or when the Plan is next updated.

Adopted this 13th day of January, 2014.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

Attachment to City of Takoma Park Resolution 2014-1

Corrections to the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2013

Chapter 1 (page 25)

For Land Use Planning Authority section, the report states Takoma Park issues building permits. Takoma Park does not issue building permits; that authority rests with Montgomery County.

Goal 2 - 2.1 - 2.1.2 (page 160)

Responsible department mentions Takoma Park. Takoma Park does not provide shelters for residents and animals during severe winter weather because the City only has the capacity for a warming center. Also, due to the size of our facility, it is mostly for residents and is not large enough to accommodate a significant number of pets. In these events, dependent on scale of the severe winter weather, people and pets are directed to shelters or warming centers that can provide for their needs.

Goal 3 - 3.1. - 3.1.1 (page 163)

Responsible department mentions Takoma Park. Takoma Park opens as a cooling center in severe heat conditions, but the City does not have the capacity and staffing to account for all special needs populations. We are accessible for residents using wheelchairs but, due to our size, we are not equipped to meet other special needs (oxygen, etc.). In these events, special needs populations are directed to cooling centers that can provide for their specific needs.