Agenda Action Form Overview

The County Manager recommends the Board review the draft 2020 Eno-Haw Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, receive a presentation on the Plan, and approve a resolution to adopt the Eno-Haw Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as Durham County's plan during the October 12, 2020 Board meeting.

Background/Justification

In July 2019, Durham County began review and revision of the 2015 Eno-Haw Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan along with the State of North Carolina, Alamance County, Orange County, and Person County, as well as their incorporated municipalities. Emergency Management partnered with County Engineering, City Public Works, City/County Sustainability, and residents of the City and County to provide input on the Plan. With the Plan, each county maintains their autonomy, respective responsibilities, and mitigation activities as stated therein. A copy of the plan is available at: http://www.enohawhmp.com/index.html.

The updated Plan provides the City and County the ability to work closely with regional stakeholders to develop comprehensive mitigation activities as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requirements. Hazard Mitigation Plans are a specific eligibility requirement for any local government applying for federal mitigation grant funds to include Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC) Program, and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program.

The Plan has been approved by North Carolina Emergency Management and has been sent to FEMA for review. Once all elected bodies represented in the Plan pass resolutions to adopt, FEMA will make its final approval and the Plan will be in its final format, effective until October 2025.

Policy Impact

No anticipated policy impacts. The Board previously adopted the 2015 Eno-Haw Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan on October 12, 2015.

Procurement Background

No procurement action is required.

Fiscal Impact

Emergency Management, Engineering, and Sustainability will work to incorporate mitigation efforts reflected in the Plan during annual budget processes.

Recommendation

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