

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



<b>Agenda Date:</b>	June 21, 2022
<b>Action Required:</b>	Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Presentation – Information Only, No Action Required
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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Charlottesville Natural Hazard Mitigation Presentation</b>

**Background**

This presentation provides an overview of the planning process undertaken and the work to date for the 2023 update to the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Included in the update is information regarding hazard mitigation goals, objectives, and mitigation action items. The “Mitigation Strategy” is five broad categories with corresponding goals and objectives. The mitigation strategy was developed through a cooperative effort of the Hazard Mitigation Working Group, consisting primarily of planners and emergency operations coordinators including City staff from Neighborhood Development Services, Public Works, Public Utilities and the Fire Department.

**Discussion**

Goals and objectives were identified through the planning process, and each jurisdiction developed actionable directives or “mitigation action items” to further the mitigation strategy before the next Hazard Mitigation Plan update.

Mitigation actions are discrete projects, programs, or policies that are recommended for implementation in this plan. The action items differ from objectives in that they are measurable, have a party responsible for completion, and typically can be completed within a given timeframe. The action items presented in this plan represent the aspirations of the various localities in the region, with the understanding that they may be completed as resources are made available from a variety of sources. Mitigation actions are to be implemented by the lead party, as identified in the plan, often in partnership with other agencies and organizations.

Each action item in the plan is prioritized as high, moderate, or low to reflect the mitigation

value of the action or the urgency it requires. Priorities were determined based on several criteria. Items that were included in the 2018 plan generally maintain the same priority. Locality staff considered the severity and urgency of the issue to be addressed, the locality's capacity to complete the action, and the benefit to be realized compared to the estimated cost of completion.

Localities were encouraged to communicate cross-departmentally to accurately measure costs, timeline, and priority of each action item. TJPDC staff encouraged an iterative and collaborative process within each locality, as well as with other localities concerning shared hazards or facilities.

The Mitigation Strategy document is included as an attachment to accompany the presentation which outlines the elements of the planning process, and provides a project timeline and plan for finalization, adoption, and submission of the plan.

### **Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan**

The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update supports City Council's America's Healthiest City vision, specifically, "Our emergency response system is among the nation's best," as well as Goal 2 of the City's Strategic Plan, specifically sub-elements 2.1 (Provide an effective and equitable public safety system) and 2.4 (Ensure families and individuals are safe and stable).

### **Community Engagement**

N/A

### **Budgetary Impact**

N/A

### **Recommendation**

N/A

### **Alternatives**

N/A

### **Attachments**

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TJPDC - Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2023