

RESOLUTION NO. 2656

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND ADOPTING THE WICOMICO COUNTY MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury, a municipality in Wicomico County, Maryland, recognizes the threat that natural and technological hazards pose to its citizens and their property:  
and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Wicomico County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements at 44 C.F.R. 201.6; and

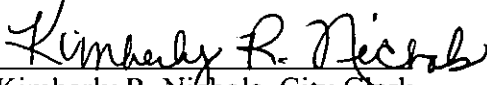
WHEREAS, an adopted multi-hazard mitigation plan is required by the federal government as a condition of future funding for hazard mitigation projects; and

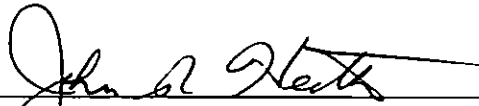
WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury has jointly participated in the planning process with other local units of government and agencies within the County to prepare a multi-hazard mitigation plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland officially adopts the Wicomico County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan, and, that the Wicomico County Emergency Management Agency is authorized to submit, on behalf of the City, the adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for final review and approval.

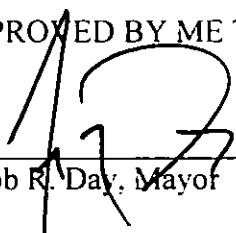
THIS RESOLUTION was duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on September 12, 2016 and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

  
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Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk

  
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John R. Heath, President  
Salisbury City Council

APPROVED BY ME THIS: 16<sup>th</sup> Day of SEPTEMBER, 2016.

  
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Jacob R. Day, Mayor

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## *OFFICE OF THE MAYOR*

**To:** Tom Stevenson, City Administrator  
**From:** Julia Glanz, Assistant City Administrator  
**Subject:** Adopting the Wicomico County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan  
**Date:** September 12, 2016

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Attached you will find a resolution for consideration by the City Council to officially adopt the Wicomico County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The following information is offered to provide a brief background regarding the development of this plan.

Congress enacted the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 in response to large-scale outlays of federal funding to local jurisdictions during the 1990s. Section 322 of this act requires states and local jurisdictions to develop and submit mitigation plans designed to meet the criteria of 44 CFR Part 201 (local planning requirements) and Part 206 (state planning requirements). These plans are designed to prevent, or reduce, the loss of life and damage from various hazards including winter storms, river flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes, thunderstorms, fires, epidemics, soil movement, drought, extreme heat, hazardous materials, wildfires, explosions, and transportation accidents. In 2002, states were provided federal funding to initiate this planning process. Additional funding was made available to develop Hazard Mitigation Plans for local communities with the option provided for those local communities to participate with their county government in the preparation of this plan. Plan development followed a planned methodology that included public involvement, risk assessment for various hazards throughout the region, an inventory of critical and other at-risk facilities, a vulnerability analysis, a mitigation strategy for each identified high-risk hazard, and a methodology to maintain and update the plan.

A private consulting firm contracted by the county and working with Wicomico County Emergency Services developed the Wicomico County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) composed of representatives from various county and municipal agencies, and private industry, served as the plan's review body. Public meetings were conducted to provide the public with an opportunity to review and participate in the adoption of the plan. The eight (8) municipalities (Delmar, Fruitland, Hebron, Mardela Springs, Pittsville, Salisbury, Sharptown, and Willards) in Wicomico County accepted the opportunity to participate in the process. This also means that each of the municipalities will not be required to develop its own "stand alone" multi-hazard mitigation plan, but must only adopt that of the

county.

Adoption of this plan is but another avenue in which we continue to cooperate effectively with the county to ensure the safety of our citizens. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me immediately.

Attachment