



2022 Progress Report

Implementation of the Mecklenburg County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan – Town of Huntersville

1 Introduction

To maintain the Community Rating System (CRS) status within the National Flood Insurance Program, the **Town of Huntersville** is required to provide an annual progress report on the implementation of each of the mitigation actions the town proposed in the Mecklenburg County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). The objective of this evaluation is to ensure that there is a continual and responsive planning process that will keep the HMP plan dynamic and responsive to the needs and capabilities of all the jurisdictions.

The HMP was developed in response to requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The initial version was completed in 2005 and since then, there have been updates every five years. The current version of plan was adopted by the Town Council on October 19, 2020 and approved by FEMA as of January 4, 2021. The current HMP is available from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management website at: <https://charlottenc.gov/EmergencyManagement/Plans/Pages/default.aspx>.

2 Implementation

The hazard mitigation planning process involves the setting of goals and objectives, the review of community vulnerabilities and capabilities and the development of a series of mitigation actions that when implemented will make the **Town of Huntersville** more resilient during natural hazards. The goals and objectives of the 2020 plan includes:

- Identify and implement hazard mitigation projects designed to reduce the impact of future hazard events on existing critical facilities and infrastructure as well as public and private property.
- Conduct education and outreach activities intended to better inform people about hazards and encourage personal responsibility for preparedness and mitigation
- Improve emergency preparedness and response capabilities
- Enact planning and policy measures to reduce the impacts of identified hazards and make future development more resilient to hazards

The implementation status of individual mitigation actions outlined in chapter seven (7) of the plan is summarized in a tabular format in Section 5 (Review of Mitigation Actions) of this report.

3 Recommendations

Implementation and maintenance of the plan is critical to the overall success of hazard mitigation planning. It is recommended that the CRS Coordinator work closely with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management (CMEMO) Planner and the members of the Town of Huntersville's HMPC in all plan monitoring and update procedures to meet CRS requirements:

4 Dissemination

This Progress Report was submitted to the Huntersville Board of Commissioners for informational purposes at the August 15, 2022 Town Board Meeting. The report has been made available to the public via the town's website at: www.huntersville.org. Additionally, copies are available at the Huntersville Planning Department located at 105 Gilead Road, 3rd Floor, Huntersville, NC 28078. For more information, please call (704) 875-7000.

5 Review of Mitigation Actions

Action#	Mitigation Action	2022 Implementation Status Update
Huntersville- 1	Seek grant funding to retrofit critical facilities and Town- owned facilities for improved resilience to all hazards with the use of the latest building materials and technology. This could include, but is not limited to: wind retrofits, low water consumption fixtures, leak detectors, backup generators, ignition-resistant materials, 320 or 361 compliant safe rooms, lightning protection, hail resistant roofing, and anchoring fixed building equipment.	The Town sought grant funding through the Building Resilience in Communities (BRIC) program but was unsuccessful in being included in the final state application to FEMA. The Town will continue to seek funding to equip new and/or existing Town- owned facilities with materials and technology that will improve resilience to hazards.
Huntersville- 2	Implement storm water mitigation projects, including the grading of ditches and replacing failing/potentially failing storm water structures	<p>The Town of Huntersville processes property owner concerns. The Town evaluates, ranks, and mitigates all qualifying stormwater matters within Town of Huntersville corporate limits. In summer of 2022, the Town plans to put out an RFQ for a stormwater management plan for older sections of Town that will identify areas of need and potential mitigation projects</p> <p>Additionally, the Town and/or NC DOT are constructing a variety of transportation projects throughout town, which will improve connectivity (beneficial if there are significant events) and each have substantial storm water components in their design, which assist with mitigation of flooding concerns.</p>
Huntersville 3	Conduct an annual tabletop exercise addressing potential hazards faced by Town. This exercise would bring together representatives from all Town departments that would work together creating and implementing a plan to effectively deal with the hazard.	COVID-19 and staffing change have delayed this action. Discussions are ongoing with a goal of completing by the end of Calendar Year 2022.
Huntersville 4	Coordinate with Char-Meck EM to relay critical information on the Towns Social Media Sites regarding potential hazards, localized emergencies, preparedness, and property protection options.	Town regularly shares information from Char-Meck Stormwater, CMEMO and other emergency partners, utilities, etc. as needs arise during potential and real hazards. CMEMO is our EOC and have extended invitation to activate any time needed by the Town.
Huntersville 5	Provide and maintain NIMS training for town employees and government officials likely to be involved with hazard mitigation or emergency response.	COVID-19 and staffing changes have delayed this action. Discussions have begun about getting them scheduled for FY22.