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To: Towns & City Managers

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Re: Hazard Mitigation Plan

Executive Summary for Rockingham County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Hazard Mitigation plan - is a well-organized and well-documented evaluation of the hazards that a jurisdiction is susceptible to, and the extent to which these events will occur & identify an area's vulnerability to the effects of the natural hazards typically present in a certain area, as well as the goals, objectives, and actions required for minimizing future loss of life and property damage as a result of hazard events.

The Hazard Mitigation plan is a state & federal requirement that allows a jurisdiction to be eligible to receive state & federal mitigation money, once a disaster declaration has been obtained

The Hazard Mitigation plan must be reviewed yearly and updated every five (5) years. Rockingham County's Hazard Mitigation plan was originally adopted in 2005. This plan has been reviewed & updated. The following changes have been made to meet State Emergency Management and FEMA requirements.

- Update d to become a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan to include the following North Carolina Counties: Rockingham, Caswell, Stokes, Surry, Davie, Forsyth, and Yakin
- Individual County Annexes
- Update statistical data for 2005- July 2014
- Included new identified hazards as follows: Earthquakes, Riverine Erosion, Landslides & Sinkholes to the vulnerable hazards index – rated low probability, low frequency
- Updated the Mitigation Action Plan matrix for Rockingham County.

Requires Adoption by County Commissioners, and Governing Bodies of All Towns & Municipalities within Rockingham County as listed in the plan.

