

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2010

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving the Five-Year Update of the Orange County Hazard Mitigation Plan

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO _X_
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Plan Review Crosswalk C. FEMA letter of approval	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia McGuire, AICP 918-7327

PURPOSE

The five-year update of Orange County's Hazard Mitigation Plan, for the unincorporated portions of Orange County and the Towns of Carrboro and Hillsborough, has been completed. The plan has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, subject to adoption by each of the local government partners. Approval of the attached resolution that adopts the plan update is recommended.

INFORMATION

Following the requirements of Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and North Carolina Senate Bill 300, local governments are required to adopt hazard mitigation plans in order to receive Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds for disasters that occurred after November 1, 2004. In 2004, Carrboro joined with Orange County and Hillsborough to develop and adopt a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan, reflecting the coordinated approach already in place for responding to disasters by the Orange County Department of Emergency Management. The plan has guided responses to hazards that have taken place in the intervening years.

The plan maintenance provisions require that a process of updating plans occur on a five year cycle. The update process for the current plan got underway in mid-2008 with staff members from Orange County, Carrboro, and Hillsborough meeting to review the plan update guidance. Subsequent meetings and communication focused on data updates. A Plan Review Crosswalk summarizes the plan, the update process and changes from the 2004 document (Attachment B). The 2010 update of the plan may be found with item C(3) on the Town's website at http://www.townofcarrboro.org/BoA/Agendas/2010/05_18_2010.htm.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider the resolution (*Attachment A*) adopting the Orange County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

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