

RESOLUTION NO. 18-02

ENDORING THE GWRC REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, the George Washington Regional Commission (“the Commission”) is the Planning District Commission serving the City of Fredericksburg and Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford Counties, known collectively as Virginia Planning District 16, and;

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that any existing regional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan be reviewed and updated every 5 years to maintain local governments’ eligibility for pre- and post- disaster mitigation grant funds available from FEMA, and;

WHEREAS, the Commission applied for and received grant funding from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to update the Regional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan, adopted in 2012, and;

WHEREAS, the Commission submitted the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update to VDEM for State review and to be forwarded to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and approval to maintain local government eligibility for pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant funds available from FEMA, and;

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2017, the Commission was notified by VDEM staff that the Commission’s Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by FEMA pending local adoption, and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the George Washington Regional Commission that the Commission endorses the GWRC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update prepared for the local governments of Planning District 16, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission urges all local governments in Planning District 16 to consider and adopt the Plan Update and continue to work through the Commission, as appropriate, on regional and local implementation actions recommended by the Plan.

Adopted by the George Washington Regional Commission at its duly called meeting of October 16, 2017 in the City of Fredericksburg, Virginia, a quorum being present.

October 16, 2017

Jeffrey Black, Secretary





FEMA

September 25, 2017

Dr. Jeffrey D. Stern
State Coordinator of Emergency Management
Virginia Department of Emergency Management
10501 Trade Court
North Chesterfield, Virginia 23236

Dear Dr. Stern:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed our review of the George Washington Hazard Mitigation Plan, based on the standards contained in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 201, as authorized by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K). These criteria address the planning process, hazard identification and risk assessment, mitigation strategies and plan maintenance requirements.

The plan received a "satisfactory" rating for all required criteria and is approvable pending adoption. However prior to formal approval, each participating jurisdiction in George Washington Hazard Mitigation Plan is required to provide FEMA with a resolution of adoption.

We commend you for your dedication demonstrated in supporting the DMA2K, and George Washington Regional Commission's commitment to reduce future disaster losses.

If you have questions, please contact Kathryn Lipiecki, Chief, Risk Analysis Branch, at (215) 931-5655.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janice P. Barlow".

Janice P. Barlow
Acting Director, Mitigation Division

cc: Robert Coates, State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Tim Ware, Executive Director, George Washington Regional Commission