

RESOLUTION – CITY OF HOGANSVILLE, GEORGIA

TROUP COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE 2018-2023

WHEREAS, Troup County and its municipalities recognize that it is threatened by several different types of natural and man-made hazards that can result in loss of life, property loss, economic hardship and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has required that every county and municipality have a pre-disaster mitigation plan in place, and requires the adoption of such plans in order to receive funding from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, a Hazard Mitigation Plan is a community’s plan for evaluating hazards, identifying resources and capabilities, selecting appropriate actions, and developing and implementing the preferred mitigation actions to eliminate or reduce future damage in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Troup County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2018 - 2023 has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, the Plan will be updated every five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hogansville, Georgia, that:

- 1) The City of Hogansville, Georgia, has adopted the Troup County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2018 - 2023; and
- 2) It is intended that the Plan be a working document and is the first of many steps toward improving rational, long-range mitigation planning and budgeting for Troup County and its municipalities.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Hogansville, Georgia, in regular session this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Mayor

City Clerk

2/15/19

Great News!

Troup County's 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan was finally APPROVED by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in January 2019 and was also APPROVED by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) back in 2018. The Hazard Mitigation Plan assesses natural and man-made hazards that can potentially affect your community and identifies mitigation actions that can be taken ahead of time to lessen the impact of that disaster, if it were to occur.

It is a FEMA requirement that the County (and its municipalities) update and adopt their Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years. During the "update" phase, we had 6 meetings (8/31/17, 9/28/17, 10/26/17, 11/30/17, 1/25/18, 3/22/18), with 30 participants representing various departments, organizations, and businesses across Troup County and its municipalities. Chief Brian V. Harr, Hogansville's Chief of Police, advocated for your City during our Committee meetings and throughout the Plan Update process.

Now that FEMA and GEMA have both approved the Plan, we have moved into the "adopt" phase. So, I am kindly requesting that the 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan is added to the agenda of an upcoming City Council meeting for the Council members to vote to adopt the Plan.

For the Council's review, a hard copy and a CD copy of the FEMA/GEMA-Approved 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan is included in this packet. Also included are two copies of the Adoption Resolution that will (hopefully) be signed by your Mayor and City Clerk upon the City Council's adoption of the Plan. I know the Plan is (very!) long, so I am more than happy to answer any questions that you, your Council, or any citizens may have.

Below is some information that may legitimize my agenda request:

Name/Company: Katy Westbrook with Lux Mitigation and Planning

*Lux Mitigation was contracted by Troup County Board of Commissioners to facilitate the update of the County's (and cities') Plan.

Representing: Chief Dennis Knight - Troup County Fire Chief and Troup County Emergency Management Director

*Troup County Emergency Management is the lead department tasked with the update of the 2014 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Approvals/Adoptions: The 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by FEMA in January 2019. It was approved by GEMA in 2018. The Plan is on the Troup County Board of Commissioners' Work Session agenda for March 14th and on the Regular Meeting agenda for March 19th.

Significance of the City's Adoption: If the City decides not to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan, they will be ineligible to receive any Homeland Security or Emergency Management grant, and, more importantly, will be ineligible to receive any state or federal Disaster Assistance in the event of a large-scale disaster.

I have included two copies of the Adoption Resolution, so you would be able to keep one signed copy for your records and mail the other signed copy back to me. If it would be easier for you, you may also scan a copy of the signed Resolution to me at lux.planning@att.net.

Thank you so much for your assistance with this agenda request. Please let me know if you have any questions at all!

Sincerely,



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