

Resolution #

Resolution Adopting the Amended Buncombe County Hazard Mitigation Plan

- WHEREAS, the citizens and property within Buncombe County are subject to the effects of natural hazards that pose threats to lives and cause damage to property, and with the knowledge and experience that certain areas of the county are particularly vulnerable to flooding, high winds and erosion; and
- WHEREAS, the County desires to seek ways to mitigate the impact of identified hazard risks; and
- WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Part 6, Article 21 of Chapter 143; Parts 3, 5, and 8 of Article 19 of Chapter 160A; and Article 8 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes, delegated to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and
- WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Section 1 Part 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes (adopted in Session Law 2001-214 --- Senate Bill 300 effective July 1, 2001), states therein in Item (a) (2) "For a state of disaster proclaimed pursuant to G.S. 166A-6(a) after August 1, 2002, the eligible entity shall have a hazard mitigation plan approved pursuant to the Stafford Act"; and
- WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 states that local governments must develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and other disaster-related assistance funding and that said Plan must be updated and adopted within a five year cycle; and
- WHEREAS, Buncombe County has performed a comprehensive review and evaluation of each section of the previously approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and has updated the said plan as required under regulations at 44 CFR Part 201 and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management; and
- WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Buncombe County Commissioners to fulfill this obligation in order that the County will be eligible for federal and state assistance in the event that a state of disaster is declared for a hazard event affecting the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the Buncombe County Hazard Mitigation Plan be and it is hereby adopted; and
2. That Buncombe County Emergency Management be vested with the responsibility, authority, and the means to:

- (a) Inform all concerned parties of this action.
 - (b) Cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies, private firms and neighboring communities which undertake hazard mitigation activities in order to prevent exacerbation of existing hazard impacts.
3. That Buncombe County Emergency Management be and they are hereby appointed to assure that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is reviewed annually and every five years as specified in the Plan to assure that the Plan is in compliance with all State and Federal regulations and that any needed revisions or amendments to the Plan are developed and presented to the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners for consideration.
4. That this Board does hereby agree to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2011.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

Kathy Hughes, Clerk

BY: _____
David Gantt, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Mike Frue, County Attorney