



SECTION 2. PLAN ADOPTION

2019 HMP UPDATE CHANGES

- The resolutions issued to support adoption of the HMP update by each jurisdiction are included in Appendix A.

2.1 OVERVIEW

This section contains information regarding adoption of the HMP update by Burlington County and each participating jurisdiction.

2.1.1 Plan Adoption by Local Governing Bodies

A hazard mitigation plan must document that it has been formally adopted by the governing bodies of the jurisdictions requesting federal approval of the plan. For multi-jurisdictional plans, each jurisdiction requesting approval must document that it has been formally adopted. Adoption by the local governing bodies demonstrates the commitment of Burlington County and each participating jurisdiction to fulfill the mitigation goals and strategies outlined in the plan. Adoption legitimizes the HMP and authorizes responsible agencies to execute their responsibilities.

This plan will be submitted for a pre-adoption review to NJOEM and FEMA Region 2. Once FEMA provides conditional approval of this HMP update, known as Approval Pending Adoption (APA), the county and participating jurisdictions will proceed with formal adoption proceedings.

Following adoption or formal action on the plan, the jurisdiction must submit a copy of the resolution or other legal instrument showing formal adoption (acceptance) of the plan to the Burlington County Hazard Mitigation Coordinator. Burlington County will forward the executed resolutions to NJOEM after which they will be forwarded to FEMA for record. The jurisdictions understand that FEMA will transmit acknowledgement of verification of formal plan adoption and the official approval of the plan to the Burlington County Hazard Mitigation Coordinator.

The resolutions issued by each jurisdiction to support adoption of the plan will be included in Appendix A (Plan Adoption).

In addition to being required by DMA 2000, adoption of the plan is necessary because:

- It lends authority to the plan to serve as a guiding document for all local and state government officials;
- It gives legal status to the plan in the event it is challenged in court;
- It certifies the program and grant administrators that the plan's recommendations have been properly considered and approved by the governing authority and jurisdictions' citizens; and
- It helps to ensure the continuity of mitigation programs and policies over time because elected officials, staff, and other community decision-makers can refer to the official document when making decisions about the community's future.

Source: FEMA. 2003. "How to Series"-*Bringing the Plan to Life* (FEMA 386-4).



Resolution # _____

WHEREAS the **XXXXXX**, New Jersey, has experienced natural hazards that result in public safety hazards and damage to private and public property;

WHEREAS the hazard mitigation planning process set forth by the State of New Jersey and the Federal Emergency Management Agency offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future risk;

WHEREAS the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management is providing federal mitigation funds to support development of the mitigation plan;

WHEREAS a *Hazard Mitigation Plan* (HMP) has been developed by the Mitigation Steering and Planning Committees;

WHEREAS the *Hazard Mitigation Plan* includes a prioritized list of mitigation actions including activities that, over time, will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property, and

WHEREAS the draft plan was provided to each participating jurisdiction and was posted on the Burlington County website so as to introduce the planning concept and to solicit questions and comments; and to present the Plan and request comments, as required by law, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the **XXXX** of the **XXXX**:

1. The *Burlington County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan*, as submitted to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on **XXXX** by the Burlington County Department of Public Safety/Office of Emergency Management is hereby adopted as an official plan of the **XXXXXX**; minor revisions recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and/or the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management may be incorporated without further action.
2. The **XXXXXX** departments identified in the HMP are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended high priority activities that are assigned to their departments.
3. Any action proposed by the HMP shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if required, which shall be at the discretion of the **XXXX**, and this resolution shall not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.
4. The Burlington County Office of Emergency Management Coordinator is designated to coordinate with other offices and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare an annual progress report to be submitted to the Burlington County Department of Public Safety/Office of Emergency Management. The status reports shall be submitted on a yearly basis by a predetermined date as agreed upon by all stakeholders.

PASSED by the **XXXX** of the **XXXXXX**, this _____ day of _____, 2019.