



TALBOT COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION & RESILIENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING #1

May 26, 2021 10:00 AM

The following Talbot County Hazard Mitigation & Resilience Planning Committee (HMRPC) members were present at the first meeting:

Name	Organization/Department
Erin Braband	Town of Trappe
Parker Durham	Department of Information Technology
Tommy Haddaway	Emergency Services
Bill Hildebrand	Maryland Emergency Management Agency
Cheryl Lewis	Town of Oxford
Brian LeCates	Emergency Services
Mike Mertaugh	Department of Public Works
Paul Moffett	Easton Utilities
Roy Myers	Town of Saint Michaels
Donald Richardson	Town of Easton
Miguel Salinas	Planning and Zoning
Geneva Schaffle	Department of Emergency Services
Cassandra Vanhooser	Economic Development and Tourism
Jean Weisman	Town of Saint Michaels
Rich Williams	Health Department
Mark Cohoon	Department of Public Works

Agenda

- Hazard Mitigation Overview
- FEMA Requirements
- Project Timeline
- Stakeholder and Public Participation
- Project Website and Social Media
- Hazard Risk Survey
- Development of Action Items and Projects

Hazard Mitigation Overview

- 2017 Talbot County Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan (HMRP) is in the plan update process. The 2017 Talbot County HMRP is available for review at www.talbotdes.org/plan_prepare.asp?res=des_hazard_mitigation



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- FEMA Requirements:
 - FEMA requires hazard mitigation plans to be updated every five (5) years.
 - Stakeholder/public engagement is vital throughout all stages of the plan development process to be approved by MEMA & FEMA.
 - For municipalities to be covered under the Talbot County HMRP, they must participate throughout the planning process and formally adopt the plan.
- Cost effective
 - Natural hazard mitigation provides the nation \$6 in benefit for every \$1 invested.
- Hazards Identified within the HMRP:
 - Coastal Hazards (tropical storms/hurricanes, nor'easters, shoreline erosion, sea level rise)
 - Flood (coastal/tidal, riverine)
 - High Wind, Winter Storm, Tornado, Thunderstorm, Drought, Extreme Heat
 - NEW Hazard: Emerging Infectious Diseases
 - New Threats added: complex coordinated terrorist attack, active assailant, cyber-attack/threat

Hazard Mitigation is any action taken to permanently reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and their property from the effects of hazards.

Project Timeline

- The initial project team meeting was held in May 2021, where stakeholders were identified and discussed.
 - The Stakeholder Group will meet three (3) times at a minimum, with small/targeted group meetings scheduled as needed.
 - e.g., municipal group(s) will meet separately to discuss topics specific to municipalities
- A Draft plan for local stakeholder review will be made available in February 2022 (refer to the attached project timeline).

Stakeholder & Public Participation

- Stakeholders from a broad cross-section of the community were invited to participate, including municipalities.



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- Stakeholders may have public outreach initiatives that pair well with hazard mitigation and resilience. SP&D requests that stakeholders reach out and provide details of these public outreach initiatives for collaboration and documentation.
- SP&D is requesting photos, data, and ideas as they relate to hazard mitigation and resilience from stakeholders.
- A project website will be utilized to provide updates, post links, and share new information relating to the Plan Update. This website will be updated throughout the plan development process.
 - The project website will be officially launched after stakeholder review. The link to the draft website will be sent to stakeholders the first half of June.
 - The project website will be launched to the public after review.
- Stakeholders are asked to complete a Hazard Risk Survey to gather their perspective on the hazards identified within the plan.
 - Link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/5KSZPKQ

NEXT STEPS

- Meeting #1 Notes - distributed to all stakeholders and uploaded to project website. Stakeholders to review and comment on website prior to public launch.
- Hazard Risk Survey for Stakeholders:
 - www.surveymonkey.com/r/5KSZPKQ
 - Due: COB June 15, 2021
- Mitigation Action Items Status Update
 - Fillable PDF form distributed to stakeholders for completion.
 - Due: COB June 15, 2021
- Project Website:
 - Launch Date: end of June 2021
- Targeted Small Group Meetings:
 - July-August 2021
- Meeting #2:
 - September 2021



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Talbot County HMRP Project Timeline – 2021/2022													
	May 2021	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. 2022	Feb.	March	April/May	June
Project Milestones													
Organize Resources & Planning Team													
Project Team Meeting (Key County Staff)	*												
THIRA Threats (Meetings & Tasks)			*	Data Collection		*	Gap Analysis	*	Draft THIRA				
Planning Committee Meeting #1	*												
2017 Mitigation Strategies Update Process													
HIRA 2021 Update													
Mitigation Strategies Report													
Public Outreach Campaign (Website, Survey, Social Media)													
Municipal Planning & Outreach (Included as part of County Plan)		Data Collection		Status Report				New Actions		Draft HMRP			
Planning Committee Meeting #2					*								
Hazard Vulnerability Assessment													
Capability Assessment & Gaps													
Planning Committee Meeting #3							*						



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Project Milestones													
2021 Mitigation Actions & Projects Prioritization													
DRAFT PLAN										Draft HMRP			
Local & Public Review & Comments													
State & FEMA Review & Comments													
Adoption by Talbot County													