

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-25
A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE UPDATE OF THE AIKEN COUNTY
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR 2021

WHEREAS, an adopted Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan is required by the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in order for Aiken County and its municipalities to be eligible to receive pre-disaster mitigation grant funding for planning and implementation of cost-effective mitigation projects prior to a disaster event; and

WHEREAS, hazard mitigation planning is the first of four phases of emergency management, followed by preparedness, response, and recovery; and

WHEREAS, a Hazard Mitigation Plan is required to be updated every five (5) years, with the Aiken County Multi-Jurisdictional Plan having most recently been updated and adopted in 2026; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Lower Savannah Council of Governments (LSCOG) facilitated a Task Force comprised of LSCOG staff, county leaders, and representatives from the ten (10) municipalities in Aiken County to provide input and update the Aiken County Plan for public use – plan is available for view and use at www.northaugusta.net/HazMitPlan2021 ; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and FEMA have reviewed and issued approval for the updated Aiken County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2021 (Exhibit A) and once adopted locally, will allow the City of North Augusta to be eligible for state and federal grant funding opportunities for hazard mitigation projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council for the City of North Augusta in meeting duly assembled and by the authority thereof, that this Resolution to hereby adopt the updated Aiken County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2021.

DONE, RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 21st DAY OF JUNE, 2021.



Briton S. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sharon Lamar, City Clerk



FEMA

May 20, 2021

Candice Shealey, SC CEM
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
South Carolina Emergency Management Division
2779 Fish Hatchery Road
West Columbia, SC 29172

Reference: Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan: Aiken County

Dear Mrs. Shealey:

This is to confirm that we have completed a Federal review of the draft Aiken County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for compliance with the Federal hazard mitigation planning requirements contained in 44 CFR 201.6(b)-(d). Based on our review and comments, Aiken County developed and submitted all the necessary revisions. Our staff has reviewed and approved these revisions.

We have determined the revised Aiken County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is now compliant with Federal requirements, subject to formal community adoption. Upon submittal of a copy of documentation of the adoption resolution(s) to our office, we will issue formal approval of the Aiken Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Please have Aiken County submit a final copy of their Plan, without draft notations and track changes.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact, Kenya Grant, of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch, at (202) 320-3338 or Jake Grabowsky, of my staff, at (202) 856-1901.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristen M. Martinenza".

Kristen M. Martinenza, P.E., CFM
Branch Chief
Risk Analysis
FEMA Region IV