



Resolution of the Township of Bernards

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Resolution #2019-0431

Authorizing Adoption of The Updated Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan For
Somerset County

WHEREAS all of Somerset County has exposure to natural hazards that represent risks including damages and losses to life, property, the environment and the County's economy; and

WHEREAS proactive mitigation of know hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risks and associated costs; and

WHEREAS the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) establishes requirements for pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS a Mitigation Planning Committee (MPC) comprised of Somerset County jurisdictions, agencies, organizations and other partners with like planning objectives has been formed to pool resources and work collaboratively to identify appropriate mitigation strategies within Somerset County; and

WHEREAS the MPC has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS maintenance procedures have been defined for monitoring, evaluating, revising, updating and implementing this strategy on an on-going basis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards:

1. Adopts in its entirety, the 2019 Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Somerset County (HMP) as the jurisdiction's Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction.
2. Will use the adopted and approved portions of the HMP to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified therein.
3. Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs, operations, partners, capital investments and other initiatives under its jurisdictional authority.
4. Will continue to provide representatives to serve on the MPC and perform the duties described in the HMP, including but not limited MPC meeting attendance and the

submission of jurisdiction-specific HMP annual monitoring reports to the County Hazard Mitigation Coordinator.

5. Will help promote and support mitigation successes of all participants in the HMP.
6. Will complete an evaluation of the HMP in conjunction with the MPC annually as needed, and a comprehensive update no less than every fifth year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards that copies of the jurisdiction's HMP Annex and this resolution be provided to the Bernards Township Hazard Mitigation Officer, Emergency Management Official, Planning Board Chair, the Somerset County Hazard Mitigation Coordinator, and the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Agenda Date and Vote: 10/29/2019

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Bernards Township Committee on 10/29/2019.

Rhonda Pisano, Municipal Clerk

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This resolution authorizes Bernards Township's continuing participation in the 2019 update of the Somerset County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
Chris Hurst, OEM Coordinator