

I. INTRODUCTION

The Plan Maintenance and Implementation Procedures section of the plan has been prepared to reflect the region's intentions for implementation, maintenance, and public participation over the next five years. This section provides a clear explanation of how the strategies detailed throughout Section 6 will be implemented.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation of the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan will commence with adoption of the document by all participating jurisdictions. Resolutions of Adoption are provided as Appendix K of the plan.

Upon adoption, this Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan faces the truest test of its worth – implementation. Implementation implies two closely related concepts: action and priority. While this plan puts forth many worthwhile and high priority recommendations, the first task facing the regional and county Mitigation Advisory Committees (MACs) is the decision about which action to undertake first. There are two factors to consider in making that decision: the priority of the item and available funding. Thus, pursuing low or no-cost high-priority recommendations will have the greatest likelihood of success. Central to the success of this plan is the need for regional coordination regarding implementation of some of the mitigation strategies.

Another highly effective and low-cost implementation mechanism is incorporation of the hazard mitigation plan recommendations and their underlying principles into other regional, county, and municipal plans and regulatory mechanisms, such as Capital Improvements Plans and Land Use Plans. The Counties and participating municipalities will utilize this plan as a starting point toward implementing policies and programs to reduce losses to life and property from natural hazards. Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Hyde and Pamlico Counties will be charged with ensuring implementation of strategies specific to their jurisdiction. If these efforts require intergovernmental coordination the Regional MAC should also be involved. If a strategy has been documented as regional, all participating jurisdictions should assist in carrying out the function and/or strategy.

Mitigation is most successful when it is incorporated into the day-to-day functions and priorities of government and development. This integration is accomplished by constant efforts to network, identify, and highlight the multi-objective benefits to each program and its stakeholders. This effort is achieved through the routine actions of monitoring implementation efforts, attending meetings, and promoting a safe, sustainable community. Additional mitigation strategies could include consistent and ongoing enforcement of existing policies and review of regional, county, and municipal programs for coordination and regional multi-objective opportunities.

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Coincidentally with these efforts, it is important to maintain a constant monitoring of funding opportunities that can be leveraged to implement some of the more costly recommended actions. This process will include creating and maintaining a bank of ideas on how any required local match or participation requirement can be met. When funding does become available, MAC members will be in a position to capitalize on the opportunity for their respective jurisdictions. Funding opportunities to be monitored include special pre- and post-disaster funds, special district budgeted funds, state or federal earmarked funds, and grant programs, including those that can serve or support multi-objective implementing actions.

III. ROLE OF THE MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE

With adoption of this plan, the Regional MAC will be tasked with plan implementation and maintenance. The MAC, led by Donald R. Baumgardner of the Craven County Planning Department, agrees to:

- Act as a forum for hazard mitigation issues;
- Disseminate hazard mitigation ideas and activities to all participants;
- Pursue the implementation of high-priority, low/no-cost recommended actions;
- Keep the concept of mitigation in the forefront of community decision-making by identifying plan recommendations when other community goals, plans, and activities overlap, influence, or directly affect increased community vulnerability to disasters;
- Continuously monitor multi-objective cost-share opportunities to help the community implement the plan's recommended actions for which no current funding exists;
- Monitor and assist in implementation and update of this plan;
- Report on plan progress and recommended changes to the County Boards of Commissioners; and
- Inform and solicit input from the public.

The Regional MAC will not have any powers over County or municipal staff personnel; it will be a purely advisory body. Its primary duty is to see the plan successfully carried out and to report to the community governing boards and the public on the status of plan implementation and mitigation opportunities for the region, counties, and participating municipal jurisdictions. Other duties include reviewing and promoting mitigation proposals, considering stakeholder concerns about hazard mitigation, passing concerns on to appropriate entities, and posting relevant information on the Counties' websites.

IV. EVALUATION, MONITORING, AND UPDATING

Plan maintenance implies an ongoing effort to monitor and evaluate plan implementation and to update the plan as progress, roadblocks, or changing circumstances are recognized.

In order to track progress and update the mitigation strategies identified in the policy section of the plan, the Regional MAC will revisit this plan on an annual basis and after a hazard event. Donald R. Baumgardner,

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acting as chair of the Regional MAC, is responsible for initiating this review and will consult with members of the Regional MAC. This monitoring and updating will take place through a formal review by both the Regional and County MACs annually, and a five-year written update to be submitted to the NCEM and FEMA Region IV, unless disaster or other circumstances (e.g., changing regulations) require a change to this schedule.

Evaluation of progress can be achieved by monitoring changes in vulnerabilities identified in the plan. Changes in vulnerability can be identified by noting:

- Decreased vulnerability as a result of implementing recommended actions;
- Increased vulnerability as a result of failed or ineffective mitigation actions; and/or
- Increased vulnerability as a result of new development (and/or annexation).

Updates to this plan will:

- Consider changes in vulnerability due to project implementation;
- Document success stories where mitigation efforts have proven effective;
- Document areas where mitigation actions were not effective;
- Document any new hazards that may arise or were previously overlooked;
- Incorporate new data or studies on hazards and risks;
- Incorporate new capabilities or changes in capabilities;
- Incorporate growth and development-related changes to County inventories; and
- Incorporate new project recommendations or changes in project prioritization.

In order to best evaluate any changes in vulnerability as a result of plan implementation, the MAC will use the following process:

- A representative from the responsible office identified in each mitigation strategy will be requested to report on an annual basis to the MAC on project status and provide input on whether the project as implemented meets the defined objectives and is likely to be successful in reducing vulnerabilities.
- If the project does not meet identified objectives, the MAC may recommend additional measures to be implemented, and an assigned individual will be responsible for defining project scope, implementing the project, monitoring success of the project, and making any required modifications to the plan.

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Changes will be made to the plan to accommodate for projects that have failed or are not considered feasible after a review for their consistency with established criteria, the time frame, County priorities, and/or funding resources. Priorities that were identified as potential mitigation strategies will be reviewed as well during the monitoring and update of this plan to determine feasibility of future implementation.

Updating of the plan will be accomplished by written changes and submissions as the MAC deems appropriate and necessary, and as approved by the Governing Boards for each participating jurisdiction, if applicable. In keeping with the process of adopting the plan, a public involvement process to receive public comment on plan maintenance and updating will be held annually, and the final product will be adopted by each County and all participating municipalities.

V. CONTINUED PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Public participation is an integral component to the new mitigation planning process and will continue to be essential as the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan evolves over time. Significant changes or amendments to the Plan shall require the involvement of the general community as deemed appropriate prior to any formal adoption procedures.

Efforts to involve the general community in the plan maintenance, evaluation, and review process will be made as necessary. These efforts may include:

- Advertising meetings of the MAC with invitation for public participation;
- Designating knowledgeable and willing members of the community to serve as official representatives on the MAC;
- Utilizing local media to update the community of any maintenance and/or periodic review activities taking place;
- Utilizing the County government websites to advertise any maintenance and/or periodic review activities taking place; and
- Keeping copies of the Plan in local libraries.

VI. INCORPORATION INTO EXISTING PLANS AND DOCUMENTS

The Regional MAC, which will meet at a minimum annually, will provide a mechanism for ensuring that the actions identified in this plan are incorporated into ongoing County and municipal planning activities for each participating jurisdiction. The participating jurisdictions currently utilize comprehensive land use planning and building codes to guide and control development in the communities. After all participating jurisdictions adopt the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, these existing mechanisms will have hazard mitigation strategies integrated into them. Each county, and in turn participating jurisdictions, will be responsible for implementing and reviewing plan elements specific to their respective jurisdiction.

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After the adoption of the HMP, the participating jurisdictions will work with the State Building Code office to make sure the jurisdictions adopt and enforce the minimum standards established in the new State Building Code. This effort will ensure that life/safety criteria are met for new construction. These efforts will be carried out by the Regional MAC, as well as each respective County MAC. The following County MAC participants will be responsible for implementation at the County level:

Beaufort County Mitigation Advisory Committee

<u>MAC Member</u>	<u>Jurisdiction/Agency</u>
John Pack, Emergency Management Coordinator	Beaufort County
Lisa Respass, Emergency Services Specialist	Beaufort County
Judith Lennon, Town Clerk	Aurora
Bubs Carson, Town Administrator	Bath
Peter Budge, Building Inspector	Belhaven
Joy McRoy, Town Clerk	Chocowinity
Bobbie Jo Ricks, Town Manager	Pantego
John Rodman, Planning and Development Director	Washington
Dennie Dale, Town Clerk	Washington Park

Carteret County Mitigation Advisory Committee

<u>MAC Member</u>	<u>Jurisdiction/Agency</u>
Russell Overman, County Manager	Carteret County
Eugene Foxworth, Planning Director	Carteret County
Jen Sawyer, Emergency Management Coordinator/Planner	Carteret County
Gregg Hartman, Planner	Carteret County
John Ford, Emergency Services Director	Carteret County
Jessica Fiester, Planning Director	Atlantic Beach
Kyle Garner, Town Planner	Beaufort
Elizabeth Sweeney, Town Clerk	Bogue
Brandon Hawks, Building Inspector	Cape Carteret
Chris Seaberg, Town Administrator	Cedar Point
Frank Rush, Town Manager	Emerald Isle
Bryan Chadwick, Town Administrator	Indian Beach
Philip Miller	Indian Beach
Sandi Watkins, Planner	Morehead City
Linda Staab, Planning and Inspections Director	Morehead City
David Whitlow, City Manager	Morehead City
Angela Christian, Town Manager	Newport
Bea Cunningham, Town Clerk	Peletier
Chris Jones, Building Inspector	Pine Knoll Shores

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Craven County Mitigation Advisory Committee

MAC Member

Donald R. Baumgardner, Planning Director
Chad Strawn, Assistant Planning Director
Stanley Kite, Emergency Services Director
Ira Whitford, Asst. Emergency Services Director
Jason Frederick, Planner II
Elaine Bryan, Town Clerk
Sonja Gaskins, Town Manager
Kathy New, Town Clerk
Katrina Marshall, Planning and Inspections Director
Jeff Ruggieri, Director of Development Services
Pete Connet, Interim Town Manager
Marcia Sproul, Town Clerk
Renee Ipock, Town Clerk

Jurisdiction/Agency

Craven County
Craven County
Craven County
Craven County
Craven County
Bridgeton
Cove City
Dover
Havelock
New Bern
River Bend
Trent Woods
Vanceboro

Hyde County Mitigation Advisory Committee

MAC Member

Kris Noble, Planning Director
Justin Gibbs, Emergency Services Director

Jurisdiction/Agency

Hyde County
Hyde County

Pamlico County Mitigation Advisory Committee

MAC Member

Tim Buck, County Manager
Chris Murray, County Emergency Coordinator
Linda Marshall, Town Clerk
David Peterson, Town Clerk
Mary Potter, Town Clerk
Patricia Prescott, Town Clerk
Booker T. Jones, Sr., Mayor/Manager
Catherine Hurm, Town Manager
Diane Miller, Town Manager
Marie Spain, Town Clerk
Judy Thaanum, Mayor

Jurisdiction/Agency

Pamlico County
Pamlico County
Alliance
Arapahoe
Bayboro
Grantsboro
Mesic
Minnesott Beach
Oriental
Stonewall
Vandemere

The capital improvements planning that may occur in the future will also contribute to the goals in the HMP. The jurisdictions will work with capital improvements planners to secure high-hazard areas for low risk uses. During the HMP planning/implementation period, each participating jurisdiction will strive for the objective of formal adoption of the HMP policies.