

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION No. 20-343

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

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 through the adoption of a Bergen County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (“Hazard Mitigation Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management is providing federal mitigation funds to support development of the Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, a draft Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Mitigation Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, the draft 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 Hazard Mitigation Plan was provided to each participating jurisdiction and was posted on the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management’s website so as to introduce the planning concept and to solicit questions and comments; and to present the Hazard Mitigation Plan and request comments, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan was submitted by the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on August 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have approved the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan as submitted; and

WHEREAS, formal adoption and maintenance of the Hazard Mitigation Plan by the governing body is a condition of receipt of federal disaster aid; and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management has recommended to the County Executive and Board of Chosen Freeholders that the Hazard Mitigation Plan, as submitted to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on August 7, 2020, be adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the County of Bergen.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Washington, Bergen County, New Jersey that:

1. The Bergen County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as submitted to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on August 7, 2020 by the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management is hereby adopted as an official plan of the County of Bergen; 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. A hard copy of the Hazard Mitigation Plan shall be kept on file at the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management, and a digital copy shall be posted on the web site of the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management.
3. Any action proposed by the Hazard Mitigation Plan shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if required, which shall be at the discretion of the Township of Washington, and this resolution shall not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.
4. The Township of Washington Emergency Management Coordinator shall coordinate with their local offices and officials; and periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare an annual progress report to be submitted to the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management. The Bergen County Office of Emergency Management shall prepare an annual progress report on the goals and mitigation actions set forth in the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Copies of those reports will be kept on file at the office of the Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management. Municipal status reports may be submitted at any time to the County Coordinator to amend mitigation actions identified in the Hazard Mitigation Plan. At a minimum, municipal status reports shall be submitted to the County Coordinator on an annual basis. The County Coordinator will identify one meeting per year that will address hazard mitigation updates, as required by the State of New Jersey's Hazard Mitigation Plan and its Standard Operating Procedure.

ATTEST:


Susan Witkowski,
Township Clerk

APPROVED:

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

BY 
Stacey Feeney
Council President

DATED: December 21, 2020

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Cascio		Cascio		Cascio	X				
Cumming		Cumming		Cumming	X				
DeSena		DeSena		DeSena	X				
Feeney	X	Feeney		Feeney	X				
Morgan		Morgan	X	Morgan	X				