



Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: 6/15/2021

New Business

Department: Emergency Services & Planning

Presenter(s): Angela Ledford, CEM, CFM and Nathan Pennington, CFM

Contact(s): Angela Ledford

Subject: Adoption of Buncombe/Madison Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Brief Summary:

The Federal Government through the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires local jurisdictions to have a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan in place in order to be eligible for federal disaster assistance and federal mitigation funding. Buncombe County's first Hazard Mitigation Plan received FEMA approval in 2005. Plans must be updated and reapproved every five years. Prior to our 2016 plan update the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management established mitigation planning regions and paired Buncombe and Madison Counties and their incorporated municipalities into a unified region. The first Buncombe/Madison Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan received FEMA approval in 2016. This current plan expires in July of 2021. The five year update has been completed and has received FEMA approval pending Board of Commissioners adoption.

Recommended Motion & Requested Action: Approve the 2021 Buncombe/Madison Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

County Manager's Comments and Recommendation: Recommends approval.