



Town of Dumfries
Council Meeting

Meeting Date: June 19, 2012

Agenda Item# V - B

AGENDA ITEM FORM

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PRESENTER: Greg Tkac

PRESENTER TITLE: Director of Public Works

AGENDA ITEM:

Resolution Adopting the Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan 2010 Update

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY:

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires all localities to update their Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years. The Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, which includes the Town of Dumfries, was completed in December 2011. Town Council approval and adoption is required to allow for execution of the plan. A current Hazard Mitigation Plan is requisite to qualify for grant funding in both a pre-disaster and post-disaster environment.

Through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) the Arlington County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) was awarded the task of revising the regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. OEM coordinated the Northern Virginia Mitigation Steering Committee, inclusive of the regional jurisdictions, and hired a contractor to update the plan.

The regional plan outlines specific actions designed to address and reduce the impact of a full range of natural and manmade hazards facing the region.

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that all localities update their Hazard Mitigation Plan every five years. The updating process involves a local capability analysis, an update of the existing natural disaster risk assessment (to include updated flood mapping and improved GIS technology), a manmade hazard risk assessment (to include potential impacts from infrastructure failure), and preparation/revision of hazard mitigation strategies for each locality.

To see the full document go to <http://alexandriava.gov/fire/info/default.aspx?id=49926>

ATTACHMENTS:

Plan Update Cover

Extract from the Plan Update, Chapter 7: Jurisdiction Executive Summaries, XI. Town of Dumfries

Resolution Adopting the Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan 2010 Update

REQUESTED ACTION:

NO ACTION REQUESTED

Approve the resolution

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XI. Town of Dumfries

Located in Prince William County, Dumfries was chartered on May 11, 1749, and is Virginia's oldest continuously chartered town. John Graham gave the land on which the town was founded and it is named after his birthplace, Dumfrieshire, Scotland. The population of the town was 4,937 as of the 2000 Census and was estimated by the Census Bureau to be 4,954 in 2009. Based on the 2005-2009 American Community Survey, the town population was comprised of 47.6% white, 31.4% black or African American, 0.7% Native American, 2.8% Asian, 12.9% from other races, and 4.6% bi-racial. Hispanics or Latinos, of any race, represent 27.4% of the total population.



Dumfries has a moderate climate. Temperatures generally range from lows in the mid-20s in January to highs in the upper-80s and lower-90s during the month of July. Annual precipitation averages are approximately 39 inches of rain and 16 or more inches of snow fall in any given year. Recent history proves that weather events well outside of these averages can and do occur. Climate change is expected to continue the trend of the past 40 to 50 years of an increased frequency of extreme weather events.

Dumfries is also subjected to tidal and storm surge flooding, due to the town's location below the Fall Line on Quantico Creek. As sea levels rise, permanent inundation of low lying areas along and near the river shoreline is also a concern. Dumfries is also susceptible to other natural hazards and risks, such as storm damage and winter weather, as evidenced during the 2009 – 2010 winter and summer seasons.

To a large extent, historical records are used to identify the level of risk within the Northern Virginia region, including Dumfries, with the assumption that the data sources cited are reliable and accurate. Unless otherwise cited, data on historical weather-related events is based on information made available through the Storm Event Database by NOAA's NCDC⁴⁸. Hazards were ranked using a semi-quantitative scoring system that involved grouping the data values (normalized to account for inflation) based on statistical methods. This method prioritizes hazard risk based on a blend of quantitative factors extracted from NCDC and other available data sources. The parameters considered include:

- Historical occurrence;
- Vulnerability of population in the hazard area; and
- Historical impact, in terms of human lives and property and crop damage.

The hazard scores were assigned a category of 'Low'; 'Medium-Low'; 'Medium'; 'Medium-High'; or 'High'. Based on this methodology, Flood, Wind, Tornado, Winter Weather, and Drought hazards were ranked as 'High' for Dumfries. See Table 7.51 for a summary of hazard rankings.



Table 7.51: Hazard Ranking for Town of Dumfries

Hazard	Flood	Wind	Tornado	Winter Weather	Drought	Earthquake	Landslide	Wildfire	Karst
Ranking	High	High	High	High	High	Med	Med-Low	Med	Med-Low

Annualized loss statistics for Prince William County based on NCDC historical data as the result of Flood, High Wind, Tornado and Winter Storm are summarized in Table 7.52.

Table 7.52: NCDC Annualized Loss by Hazard for Prince William County

Annualized Loss as determine through NCDC data
(based on property and crop damages and number of years of record)

	Flood	High Wind	Tornado	Winter Storm	Total Annualized Loss (All Hazards)
<i>Years of Record</i>	17	21	59	17	
Prince William County	\$155,044	\$795,511	\$117,080	\$60,502	\$1,242,539

It should be noted that while the NCDC storm events data is the most comprehensive database available for which to compare most natural hazards, its considerable limitations include spotty property and crop damage data that are considered to significantly under-estimate actual losses.

FEMA’s HAZUS^{MH} model provides another method for estimating annualized loss that uses science and engineering principals and building stock values along with historical hazard occurrences to analyze potential damage and economic loss. Annualized loss statistics for Dumfries based on HAZUS^{MH} runs for flood, hurricane, and earthquake are found in Tables 7.53, 7.54 and 7.55 below.

Table 7.53: HAZUS^{MH} - Annualized Loss Due to Flood for Town of Dumfries

Jurisdiction	Building	Contents	Inventory	Relocation	Income	Rental	Wage	Total
Town of Dumfries	\$396,000	\$449,000	\$7,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$854,000

Table 7.54: HAZUS^{MH} - Annualized Loss Due to Hurricane for Town of Dumfries

Jurisdiction	Building	Contents	Inventory	Relocation	Income	Rental	Wage	Total
Town of Dumfries	\$4,441	\$451	\$4	\$392	\$23	\$191	\$41	\$5,542



Jurisdiction	Annualized Loss
Town of Dumfries	\$2,492

As seen in the HAZUS^{MH} analysis, the potential annual loss to property, contents, inventory and related effects due to flooding is high, due to Dumfries’s location. Earthquakes occasionally occur in the region; that was the case July 16, 2010, when a 3.6 magnitude quake centered near Gaithersburg, Maryland, shook the area.

A. Town of Dumfries Mitigation Actions and Action Plan



#	Agency/Department: Mitigation Action	Lead Agency Department Organization	Flood	Winter Weather	Thunderstorm	Tornado	Hurricane	Drought	Wildfire	Earthquake	Extreme Temps	Dam Failure	Erosion	Landslides	Karst	Human-Caused	Funding Source	Target Completion Date	Interim Measure of Success	Priority	Keep Action Redacted (Yes/No)
1 (2010)	Assess the roadway structure at various intersections throughout the Town of Dumfries to avoid repeated flooding.	Public Works	X		X		X									X	Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant funding, State funding possible, and any Grant programs	December 2015	Identify funding sources by January 2012	High	No
2 (2010)	Continue to implement an effective MS-4 Program which will bring awareness to help prevent hazardous waste material being flushed down the drain or into ditches.	Public Works														X	Environmental Friendly funding, EPA grants, town/county funding, and fee based funding	December 2015, but mainly an ongoing program	Identify all drainage outfalls and have them electronically uploaded on a data base by December 2011.	High	No
3 (2010)	Conduct annual outreach to each FEMA-listed repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss property owner, providing information on mitigation programs (grant assistance, mitigation measures, and flood insurance information) that can assist them in reducing their flood risk.	Building official with assistance from Zoning Director	X		X		X										FEMA Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding for qualified structures.	Ongoing	Develop outreach materials, or identify appropriate outreach materials for dissemination by June 2011.	Medium	No
4 (2010)	Support mitigation of priority flood-prone structures through promotion of acquisition/demolition, elevation, flood proofing, minor localized flood control projects, mitigation reconstruction and where feasible using FEMA HMA programs	Public Works in conjunction with Zoning Department	X		X		X										FEMA Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding for qualified structures.	Ongoing	Identify all priority flood-prone structures by December 2011.	Medium	No



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5 (2010)	Promote structural mitigation to assure redundancy of critical facilities, to include but not limited to roof structure improvement, to meet or exceed building code standards, upgrade of electrical panels to accept generators, etc.	Public Works	X		X		X										FEMA Unified Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding for qualified structures.	Ongoing	Query local government building services staffs as to effectiveness of provided information regarding the structural review.	Medium	No
6 (2010)	Review Town of Dumfries' compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program with an annual review of the Floodplain Ordinances and any newly permitted activities in the 100-year floodplain.	Public Works, Zoning Departments	X		X		X										General funds	Ongoing	Establish a schedule of review and review committee (if necessary) by June 2011.	Medium	No
7 (2010)	Continue to identify and employ a broad range of warning systems throughout the Town of Dumfries.	Town of Dumfries Police Department	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	UASI funding, DHS grants, town/county funding	December 2015	Identify one new warning system to utilize by December 2012.	Low	No

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 19, AT 7:00 P. M., IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 17755 MAIN STREET, DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA: ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY _____, AND SECONDED BY _____, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Dorothea D. Barr, _____
Gerald M. Foreman, II, _____
Kristin W. Forrester, _____
Louis A. Praino, _____
Willie J. Toney, _____
Gwen P. Washington, _____
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RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended, requires that local governments develop, adopt, and update natural hazard mitigation plans in order to receive certain federal assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the Northern Virginia Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44C.F.R.201.6; and,

WHEREAS, a Mitigation Advisory Committee (MAC), comprised of representatives from the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William; the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park; and Towns of Clifton, Dumfries, Haymarket, Herndon, Leesburg, Middleburg, Purcellville, Occoquan, Quantico, Round Hill, and Vienna, was convened in order to assess the risks of hazards facing the Northern Virginia region, and to make recommendations on actions to be taken to mitigate these hazards; and,

WHEREAS, a request for proposals was issued to hire an experienced consulting firm to work with the MAC to update a comprehensive hazard mitigation plan for the Northern Virginia region; and,

WHEREAS, the plan incorporates the comments, ideas and concerns of the community and of the public in general, which this plan is designed to protect, ascertained through a series of public meetings, publication of the draft plan, press releases, and other outreach activities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Dumfries this 19th day of June, 2012 does hereby approve and adopt the Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan Update dated December 7, 2011, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Dumfries recognizes that recent events of the Virginia Earthquake, Hurricane Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee are not captured in the current FEMA approved plan pending adoption update of the local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Being committed to mitigation planning and activities, the Town of Dumfries, as part of the next update, will fully endeavor to identify, evaluate, and include these events and their impacts.

By Order of Council:

Gerald M. Foreman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn Hobgood, Town Clerk