



Section 2. Plan Adoption

2.1 Overview

This section contains information regarding adoption of the Plan Update by Suffolk County and each participating jurisdiction.

2.1.1 Plan Adoption by Local Governing Bodies

Adoption by the local governing bodies demonstrates the commitment of Suffolk County and each participating jurisdiction to fulfill the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in the Plan. Adoption legitimizes the Plan and authorizes responsible agencies to execute their responsibilities.

All participating jurisdictions, including the County, two tribal nations and the Suffolk County Water Authority, will proceed with formal adoption proceedings when FEMA provides conditional approval of this plan. Following adoption or formal action on the plan, the jurisdiction must submit a copy of the resolution or other legal instrument showing formal adoption (acceptance) of the plan to NYSOEM. This will then be submitted to FEMA with the resolution in Appendix A of this Plan. The jurisdictions understand that FEMA will transmit acknowledgement of verification of formal plan adoption and the official approval of the plan to the mitigation plan coordinator. The resolution issued to support adoption of the plan is included as Appendix A, Resolution of Plan Adoption.

In addition to being required by DMA 2000, adoption of the plan is necessary because:

- It lends authority to the plan to serve as a guiding document for all local and state government officials;
- It gives legal status to the plan in the event it is challenged in court;
- It certifies the program and grant administrators that the plan's recommendations have been properly considered and approved by the governing authority and jurisdictions' citizens; and
- It helps to ensure the continuity of mitigation programs and policies over time because elected officials, staff, and other community decision-makers can refer to the official document when making decisions about the community's future.

Source: FEMA. 2003. "How to Series"-*Bringing the Plan to Life* (FEMA 386-4).

Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 542 -2014, ADOPTING THE 2014 SUFFOLK COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PRE-DISASTER HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN APPROVED BY FEMA ON MAY 12, 2014 PENDING LOCAL ADOPTION, WHICH WAS PREPARED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A FY2012 PRE- DISASTER MITIGATION PLANNING (PDMC) GRANT

WHEREAS, Suffolk County and its towns and villages have experienced numerous natural and man-made losses resulting in seven (7) declared disasters costing over \$350 million dollars in municipal disaster aid since 2007 and according to the National Flood Insurance Program, Suffolk County ranks among the top counties within New York State in repetitive losses; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the County of Suffolk and all municipalities to fully conform with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, which calls for each political subdivision within the United States to have a pre-approved mitigation plan prior to federal mitigation fund awards; and

WHEREAS, the current approved Suffolk County Hazard Mitigation Plan expired on September 10, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 360-2013 accepted and appropriated 75% federal pass-through grant funds from the NYS Division of Homeland Security through its Office of Emergency Management in the amount of \$399,750 to the Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services for a PDM Planning Grant to update the existing Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, this PDM Planning Grant is for a two (2) year period beginning September 26, 2012 through September 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, this grant provided funding to engage in the planning process and produce a local multi-jurisdictional mitigation plan satisfying the requirements of 44 CFR Part 201 for Suffolk County and all its local communities including the Towns of Babylon, Brookhaven, East Hampton, Huntington, Islip, Riverhead, Shelter Island, Smithtown, Southampton, and Southold; Villages of Amityville, Asharoken, Babylon, Belle Terre, Bellport, Brightwaters, Dering Harbor, East Hampton, Greenport, Head of the Harbor, Huntington Bay, Islandia, Lake Grove, Lloyd Harbor, Lindenhurst, Mastic Beach, Nissequogue, North Haven, Northport, Ocean Beach, Old Field, Patchogue, Poquott, Port Jefferson, Quogue, Sagaponack, Sag Harbor, Saltaire, Shoreham, Southampton, The Branch, Westhampton Beach, and Westhampton Dunes; Unkechaug Nation; Shinnecock Nation; Suffolk County Water Authority; and

WHEREAS, these jurisdictions, with like planning objectives, formed a coalition and pooled their resources to create consistent mitigation strategies within the County; and

WHEREAS, this coalition completed a planning process that engaged the public, assessed the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, developed a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and created a plan for implementing evaluating and revising this strategy; and

WHEREAS, FEMA approved the 2014 Suffolk County Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan on May 12, 2014 pending local adoption of this resolution; now, therefore be it

1st **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature being the lead agency under SEQRA and Chapter 279 of the Suffolk County Code, hereby determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action; and be it further

2nd **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature adopts the 2014 Suffolk County Multi-Jurisdictional Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan (the "Plan") as approved by FEMA on May 12, 2014 pending local adoption, and will execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to the County; and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that Suffolk County will adhere to the adopted Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified; and be it further

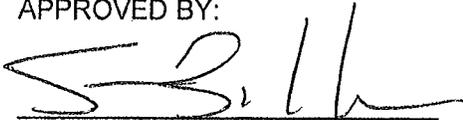
4th **RESOLVED**, that Suffolk County will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms in the County; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that Suffolk County will continue its support of the Mitigation Planning Committee as described in the Plan, help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all Plan participants, will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral part of government and partner operations; and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that Suffolk County will provide an update of the Plan no less than every five years.

DATED: June 17, 2014

APPROVED BY:


County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: 7/03/14