



# Fulton County

## Legislation Text

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### Department

Emergency Management

### Requested Action *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*

Request approval of a Resolution authorizing the adoption of the 2022 Fulton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. State and Federal laws require that this plan must be updated every five years and subsequently adopted by each municipality, as well as the County, to be eligible to apply for federal grant funds that are used to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property in the aftermath of a Presidentially declared disaster. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

### Requirement for Board Action *(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)*

OCGA #36-10-1 Requires any contract entered into the County be approved by the Board and entered into its official minutes.

### Strategic Priority Area related to this item *(If yes, note strategic priority area below)*

Justice and Safety

### Commission Districts Affected

- All Districts ☒
- District 1 ☐
- District 2 ☐
- District 3 ☐
- District 4 ☐
- District 5 ☐
- District 6 ☐

### Is this a purchasing item?

No

### Summary & Background *(First sentence includes Agency recommendation. Provide an executive summary of the action that gives an overview of the relevant details for the item.)*

**Scope of Work:** In 2004, the Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency (AFCEMA), in partnership with our local municipalities, developed its first Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. As required by law, the plan must be updated every five years and it must be adopted by each municipality, as well as the County, in order to be eligible to apply for

grant funds that reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property in the aftermath of a Presidentially declared disaster. The 2022 Multi-Jursidictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been updated to reflect compliance with regulations and requirements that have been enacted since 2004. As with the 2004 plan, this plan is a multi-jurisdictional guide for all Fulton County communities that participated in the preparation of this plan through the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC). It fulfills the requirements of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) as administered by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region IV. The Fulton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been reviewed and approved by the Georgia Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency. All municipalities within Fulton County have to adopt Fulton County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan which is intended to be a living document and can be amended as needed. The plan will be officially approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency upon receipt of the signed and adopted resolution from Fulton County and each municipality.

**Community Impact:** Communities, residents and businesses have been faced with continually increasing costs associated with both natural and man-made hazards. Hazard mitigation is the first step in reducing risk and is the most effective way to reduce costs associated with hazards. AFCEMA and its' participating jurisdictions, as well as partners such as schools, hospitals, and transportation providers located therein have developed this Fulton County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan includes countywide analysis and assessment of hazards, risk, and capabilities and represents both an update to the 2016 Atlanta-Fulton County Hazard Mitigation Plan as well as an update of single jurisdiction plans developed previously by the participating municipalities. The plan has been prepared following the requirements of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000). DMA 2000 amends the Stafford Act and is designed to improve planning for, response to, and recovery from, disasters by requiring state and local entities to implement pre-disaster mitigation planning and develop hazard mitigation plans (HMP). This enhanced planning will enable local and state governments to articulate accurate needs for mitigation, resulting in faster allocation of funding and more effective risk reduction projects.

**Department Recommendation:** The Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency recommends Board of Commissioners' approval for this agenda item. Approval of this item will not require the expenditure of any additional County funds.

**Project Implications:** No future implications are anticipated in terms of potential changes in budget, service provision, or County policy/operations.

**Community Issues/Concerns:** No issues or concerns have been raised by internal/external partners concerning this specific agenda item.

**Department Issues/Concerns:** The Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency does not have any specific issues or concerns as it relates to this specific agenda item.