

# Middle Peninsula All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update

## LOCAL PLANNING TEAM

### Meeting 3 - Minutes

Monday, February 22, 2021 at 10am

#### 1. Welcome & Local Planning Team Introductions

Ms. Jackie Rickards, Project Manager, welcomed participants to the first meeting of the Local Planning Team (LPT). Those in attendance included:

- Holly McGowan, Town of West Point
- John Edwards, Town of West Point
- David Kretz, Middlesex County
- David Layman, Middlesex County
- Steve Hudgins, King William County
- Sherry Graham, King William County
- Willie Love, Mathews County
- James Knighton, Mathews County
- Jimmy Brann, Essex County
- Frank Sanders, Town of Tappahannock
- Angela Davis, Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) Floodplain Management
- Brandy Buford, DCR Floodplain Management
- Michael Barber, DCR Floodplain Management
- Ken Sterner, Virginia Department of Forestry
- Heather Tuck, Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)
- Leigh Mitchell, Upper Mattaponi Tribe
- Steven Nelson, Future staff for the Rappahannock Tribe (starting May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Eric Seymour, National Weather Service

#### 2. Follow ups from Meeting 1

- **Hazus Contract with Dewberry** – Ms. Rickards explained that the contract with Dewberry was executed (i.e. signed and returned) on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. The HAZUS work will take 4 months to complete and MPPDC staff will update the LPT along the way.
- **Capabilities Assessment and NFIP Survey** – A Capabilities Assessment and NFIP Survey were sent to localities to complete. Ms. Rickards explained that only 4 localities have returned these documents and will follow up with those that have not submitted the documents.

#### 3. Hazards

- **Survey Results and Recommendations** – To gain an understanding of locality and tribe thoughts on hazards to include in the 2021 AHMP update, MPPDC staff developed a hazards survey. Ms. Rickards reviewed the survey results with the LPT. In summary, and accordance with the survey results, three recommendations were offered to the LPT:

1. Remove tsunamis, landslides, and volcanoes from the hazards list since they were deemed to have the lowest risk to Middle Peninsula localities.
2. Consolidate the following hazards under board hazard categories:
  - Consolidate Winter Storm (ice) and Winter Storm (snow) to WINTER WEATHER
  - Consolidate Coastal, riverine, and ditch flooding hazards to FLOODING
  - Consolidate Extreme cold and Extreme heat to EXTREME TEMPERATURES
3. Add communicable diseases from the 2018 Virginia Hazards Mitigation Plan

The LPT did not object to these recommendations and therefore will be reflected in the 2021 AHMP update.

- **Hazards Assessment** – Ms. Rickards reviewed the next step to assessing hazards locally. Through the use of the Kaiser Permanente Hazards Vulnerability Assessment Tool, Middle Peninsula localities and Tribes will have a chance to assess their vulnerability (i.e. impacts to humans, property and facilities and businesses) to each of the hazards. Ms. Mitchell from the Upper Mattaponi Tribe asked the time frame in which these hazards should be assessed. Ms. Rickards suggested the planning horizon of 2060 to match the planning horizon of the HAZUS assessment. Mr. Love, Mathews County, suggested assessing the probability of hazards occurring within the next five years. Finally, Bret Payne, Gloucester County suggested assessing the annual probability of hazards occurring within the next five years. Mr. Payne also mentioned being consistent with the Virginia Hazards Mitigation Plan. Ms. Rickards concluded that she would review the methodology within the Virginia Hazards Mitigation Plan and will follow up with the LPT with this information.

#### 4. **Public Survey Review**

Ms. Rickards reviewed the draft public survey to make available from March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>. The public survey looks for feedback and input from the public regarding hazards and mitigation strategies. Ms. Rickards will refine the draft and send a final draft to LPT member for a final review.

#### 5. **Mitigation Strategies**

Ms. Rickards provided an overview of mitigation strategies and the types of mitigation strategies that localities could pursue. Ms. Rickards reviewed the format of mitigation strategies within the 2016 AHMP and requested that locality and tribal LPT participants review the mitigation strategies currently in the AHMP before the next meeting. Additionally, she recommended that while reviewing these mitigation strategies to make note of the status of the mitigation strategy (i.e. completed, in-progress, on-going, by-request) and potential new goals/objectives/actions.

#### 6. **Next meeting(s)**

Ms. Rickards canceled the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for:

- March 29, 2021 10am