

# ***Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan Status Update***

## ***Meeting Notes***

January 12, 2016

1:30 PM

### **Meeting Attendance:**

Hal Cohen  
Amelia Gagnon  
Kelly George  
Mike Guditus  
Brian Henshaw  
Robb Hoffower  
Dan Janickey  
Kevin Johnson  
Kirstyn Jovanovich  
Jake Kazele  
Adam Kelly  
Alexa Lenhart  
David Morrison  
Blake Stave  
Sandra Sca  
Steve Thompson  
Greg Zebrowski

### **Notes:**

1. Project Update
  - a. Due to timing constraints we have chosen to update the vast majority of this plan ourselves as directed by the NOVA Emergency Managers group. We are no longer pursuing the State Hazard Mitigation Grant because the timing would not allow us to complete the plan by the 2017 deadline.
  - b. We have secured \$50,000 in funding from NVERS to have Witt perform the HIRA portion of our plan. These funds do not have any local match requirement. The only stipulation is that the funds need to be spent by May 2016.
  - c. The current project timeline is attached.
2. HIRA
  - a. Please see the attached presentation from Kelly George with Witt. The one major change to the attached spreadsheet is that data is now due to Witt on February 15, not January 31.

- b. There was discussion of how the HIRA associated with this plan interacts with the NCR THIRA. The group agreed that this HIRA would likely drive what is in the THIRA. Witt will review the THIRA and HIRA to make sure there are no conflicts.
- c. There was discussion of the methodology used in the HIRA. As outlined in the power point, Witt has proposed and the group has approved using the same methodology as the previous plan. This will allow for comparison to the previous. The methodology is complex, but produces good results. The group approved the usage of the 2012 HIRA methodology.
- d. There was discussion of what data sets should be used in this plan update. The committee voiced concern with the 2012 plan update because there were several events that happened while the plan was in draft status and were not included when the plan was finalized. The recommendation of Witt was that every plan needs to have a defined time period that it examines. The Committee will discuss strategies for presenting this to our elected officials at a later Committee meeting.
- e. The group approved the usage of 2010 census data for the plan.
- f. In 2012 FEMA changed their interpretation of the hazard mitigation regulations, and now requires each jurisdiction to be fully participating in the plan update. The towns will need to be split into their own section and not lumped in with the Counties.
- g. Witt clarified that there will be a regional summary to the HIRA, but there will not be regional analysis. The analysis will be done at the local level.
- h. The time period that will be examined in this HIRA is January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2015.
- i. When collecting historic site data. If there is a historic district designation there is no need to list all historic sites within that. For instance, the Town of Haymarket is considered a historic district so they do not need to provide any data on specific historic sites.
- j. Witt proposed adding the category of Extreme Temperatures to the HIRA list of hazards, and removing those from Winter Storm and Drought because it's possible to have extreme temperatures without drought or a winter storm. The committee approved this.
- k. Witt discussed that the requirements have changed significantly since 2012 for what data needs to be used in the HIRA. In our 2012 plan, most of the asset data was open source.
- l. When referring to assets in the data requirements this generally refers to facilities owned by the jurisdiction that have some sort of infrastructure, but does not include equipment (trucks etc). It should be all facilities owned by the jurisdiction. Generally, leased facilities are not required to be reported. When listing the use of the facility, include all uses (for instance, police station fire station and public office).

**Action Items:**

1. **Provide requested data by February 15** – All Jurisdiction to include Counties, Cities, and Towns.