6. Plan Adoption

WHAT'S NEW IN CHAPTER 6?
- *The sample Resolution Adoption has been updated*

In accordance with FEMA requirements for multi-jurisdictional mitigation planning, it is the intention that Bergen County, the NJMC, and all constituent municipalities of the county, adopt resolutions approving the Bergen County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. Adoption by the local governing bodies demonstrates the commitment of Bergen 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.

Each participating jurisdiction will proceed with formal adoption proceedings once FEMA provides conditional approval of this Plan, known as Approval Pending Adoption (APA) and each participating jurisdiction understands that a conditional approval of the Plan will be provided for those municipalities that meet the planning requirements with the exception of the adoption requirement as stated above. The resolution to support adoption of the plan by each jurisdiction is included on the following page.

Following adoption or formal action on the Plan, each participating jurisdiction must submit a copy of the resolution or other legal instrument showing formal adoption (acceptance) of the Plan to the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management. BCOEM will forward the executed resolutions to the NJOEM – Mitigation Division, and they will be subsequently forwarded to FEMA. Each participating jurisdiction understands that FEMA will transmit acknowledgement of verification of formal plan adoption and the official approval of the plan to the mitigation plan coordinator.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE Governing Body OF THE Jurisdiction Name
AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE
BERGEN COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL
ALL-HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, all of Bergen County has exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment and the County's economy; and

WHEREAS; pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) established new requirements for pre and post disaster hazard mitigation programs; and

WHEREAS; a coalition of Bergen County municipalities with like planning objectives has been formed to mutually develop a mitigation plan and create consistent mitigation strategies within Bergen County; and

WHEREAS, the coalition has completed a planning process that engages the public, assesses the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, develops a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and creates a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising this strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the [**jurisdiction name]**:

　　　1) Adopts in its entirety, the Bergen County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan (the "Plan") as the jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions identified in the Plan that pertain to this jurisdiction.
　　　2) Will use the adopted and approved portions of the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation of the hazards identified.
　　　3) Will coordinate the strategies identified in the Plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.
　　　4) Will continue its support of the Mitigation Planning Committee as described within the Plan.
　　　5) Will help to promote and support the mitigation successes of all participants in this Plan.
　　　6) Will incorporate mitigation planning as an integral component of government and partner operations.
　　　7) Will provide an update of the Plan in conjunction with the County no less than every five years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this Xst, Xnd, Xrd, Xth day of month, 2014, by the following vote:
AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

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ATTEST: _____
　　　　Clerk, Town of _____