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RRRC Accepting Comments on 2018 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Through June 29th

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission, in coordination with local emergency management, public works, and planning staff, has completed revisions to the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and is currently accepting public comments on the draft plan. The Hazard Mitigation plan is a mandated plan for local governments to ensure eligibility for several grant programs through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) programs.

Beginning in March 2017, regional and local stakeholders reviewed the most recent Hazard Mitigation plan that was adopted in 2012 and added information on recent natural hazard events including the 2011 earthquake, 2012 derecho, tornadoes and severe wind storms in 2016 and 2017, and winter storms in 2016. In addition, RRRC staff completed an update to the plan's vulnerability assessment utilizing FEMA's HAZUS modeling software for hurricanes, tornadoes, and earthquakes, and local staff provided new information related to local capabilities and new strategies to mitigate the effects of natural hazards on the region's residents and property.

The draft plan can be accessed on RRRC's Mitigation Planning webpage at <http://www.rrregion.org/mitigation.html>. Comments are requested by **June 29, 2018** and can be sent via email to planinfo@rrregion.org or to the attention of Patrick Mauney at RRRC, 420 Southridge Parkway, Suite 106, Culpeper, VA 22701.

About the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission serves the counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock, and the towns of Culpeper, Gordonsville, Madison, Orange, Remington, The Plains, Washington, and Warrenton. The 21-member RRRC board includes elected and appointed officials appointed by each member jurisdiction. Localities with greater than 3,500 residents appoint two members to the regional commission, while localities with fewer than 3,500 residents appoint one member to the regional commission.

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission facilitates a collaborative approach to regional cooperation, and serves as a convening forum for the interaction of appointed and elected local

government officials, regional stakeholders and citizen members. The Regional Commission coordinates a broad range of regional planning activities – including multi-modal and human services transportation, environmental planning, homelessness and affordable housing coordination, regional tourism, agricultural, and economic development activities. The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission is located in Culpeper, VA, and can be found online at <http://www.rrregion.org/>.