



**RESOLUTION TITLE: RESOLUTION ADOPTING CLEVELAND GASTON
LINCOLN REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

- WHEREAS, the citizens and property within Gaston County are subject to the effects of natural hazards that pose threats to lives and cause damage to property, and with the knowledge and experience that certain areas of the county are particularly vulnerable to drought, extreme heat, hailstorm, hurricane and tropical storm, lightning, thunderstorm wind/high wind, tornado, winter storm and freeze, flood, hazardous material incident, and wildfire; and,
- WHEREAS, Gaston County desires to seek ways to mitigate the impact of identified hazard risks; and,
- WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Article 5, Section 160D-501 of Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes, delegated to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and,
- WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has enacted General Statute Section 166A-19.41 (*State emergency assistance funds*) which provides that for a state of emergency declared pursuant to G.S. 166A-19.20(a) after the deadline established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2002, P.L. 106-390, the eligible entity shall have a hazard mitigation plan approved pursuant to the Stafford Act; and,
- WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 states that local governments must develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and other disaster-related assistance funding and that said Plan must be updated and adopted within a five-year cycle; and,
- WHEREAS, Gaston County has performed a comprehensive review and evaluation of each section of the previously approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and has updated the said plan as required under regulations at 44 CFR Part 201 and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management; and,

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners of Gaston County to fulfill this obligation in order that the County will be eligible for federal and state assistance in the event that a state of disaster is declared for a hazard event affecting the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Gaston County hereby:

1. Adopts the Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
2. Vests Gaston County Emergency Management and Fire Services with the responsibility, authority, and the means to:
 - (a) Inform all concerned parties of this action.
 - (b) Cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map and identify floodplain areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining floodplain areas in order to prevent exacerbation of existing hazard impacts.
3. Appoints Gaston County Emergency Management and Fire Services to assure that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is reviewed annually and every five years as specified in the Plan to assure that the Plan is in compliance with all State and Federal regulations and that any needed revisions or amendments to the Plan are developed and presented to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners for consideration.
4. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Adopted this 24th Day of June 2025.



Chad Brown, Chairman
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

Attest:



Donna S. Buff, Clerk
Gaston County Board of Commissioners

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Emergency Management and Fire Services

Board Action

File #: 25-348

Commissioner Brown - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve Adoption of Revised Cleveland Gaston Lincoln County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

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BUDGET IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

Continued eligibility for North Carolina Disaster Relief Funding per North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 166A: North Carolina Emergency Management Act and Section 322: Mitigation Planning of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act mandates that NC Counties and Municipalities have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan to receive state and federal assistance in the event of a declared disaster.

Gaston County, including the municipalities, has been paired with both Cleveland and Lincoln Counties and its municipalities due to adjoining boundaries and similar natural threats for the development of a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and such regional hazard mitigation planning is a trend occurring across the State.

The Cleveland Gaston Lincoln Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan incorporates specific planning details for each County and municipality. This Plan will be an update over the current Gaston County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which is expiring, and the Act also mandates that Hazard Mitigation Plans be updated and adopted at least every five (5) years to maintain a current status.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

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