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1.1 Hazard Mitigation Planning

Hazard mitigation is defined as any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long term risk to life, property, and the economy from a hazard event. Section 209 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-228, as amended), Title 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), as amended by Section 201 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K), requires development of a pre-disaster mitigation plan as a requirement of receiving federal disaster assistance. States and local governments are required to adopt hazard mitigation plans to maintain eligibility for federal pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation funding.

1.2 Plan Purpose

The CVPDC HMP 2020 has been developed to meet the requirements for all of the region's jurisdictions to meet the DMA2K which requires state and local governments to identify, assess risk and vulnerability, and describe actions to mitigate impacts of natural hazards.

The CVPDC HMP 2020 has been developed to serve the people within the CVPDC area by providing the impetus for making our homes, businesses, and communities as safe as possible against the impacts of natural, technological, and man-made hazards. This HMP contains the latest geographic and demographic information, along with a thorough assessment of the potential hazards faced. This plan addresses the overall capability of local governments, businesses, organizations, and property owners to reduce or eliminate the vulnerability to these hazards. Moreover, the plan outlines coordinated mitigation strategies,

including long-term goals, objectives, and a wide variety of mitigation actions.

The objective of this plan is to identify areas of concern from natural, technological, and man-made hazards in the CVPDC area and describe how these concerns will be addressed through the implementation of mitigation actions. It has been developed to assist CVPDC citizens, communities, local governments, and businesses in becoming less vulnerable to the impacts of hazards through the effective administration of hazard risk assessments, floodplain management, grant program applications, and a coordinated approach to mitigation policy through regional and local planning activities. In addition, pre-disaster actions and investment can significantly reduce the post-disaster financial costs to local governments, businesses, and residents. It is anticipated that this plan will be a useful tool for all community stakeholders by increasing public awareness about local hazards and risks while providing information about options and resources available to reduce those risks. Educating the public about potential hazards will help each jurisdiction protect itself against the effects of the hazards and will enable informed decision making on preparing for disasters.

1.3 Participating Communities

This plan update serves as the Federal pre-disaster planning instrument for all of the Central Virginia Planning District jurisdictions, the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell; the City of Lynchburg; and the Towns of Amherst, Altavista, Appomattox, Bedford, and Brookneal. Representatives from the region's four counties, one city, and five towns have dedicated mitigation actions. Pamplin City, as a function of its size and



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governance capabilities, is represented by Appomattox County. The plan addresses twenty hazards, including natural, technological, and man-made in the area. When developing this plan, every effort was made to gather input from all aspects of the CVPDC communities to assure that the results of this analysis will be as complete as possible. The partnerships and participation of state and local government, private sector, and citizens ensures that many perspectives within the

CVPDC are represented, rather than that of a few government agencies.

1.4 Plan Organization

The CVPDC HMP 2020 is developed to meet the requirements of the DMA2K and is organized into six main sections described in Table 1-1.

Table 1-1 Main Sections of CVPDC Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020

Section	Description
Community Profile	The Community Profile provides information on the geography, natural features, employment, housing, development trends, and demographics of each jurisdiction in the PDC.
Planning Process	The Planning Process provides information on the makeup of the steering committee members, meetings for the committee members and public, and the steps taken to complete and adopt the mitigation plan.
Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA)	The HIRA provides a detailed risk analysis for each hazard that may impact the PDC including hazard descriptions, maps, vulnerability assessments, and potential impacts. It also provides information on the essential facilities and utilities that were included in the analysis and an overall ranking of each hazard.
Capability Assessment	The Capability Assessment Section provides information on each community's self-assessment for their administrative, planning, fiscal, legal, and technical capabilities. This information will help a community determine the number and scope of mitigation actions they should undertake.
Mitigation Planning	Mitigation planning provides hazard mitigation community goals and objectives as well as individual actions each jurisdiction will be undertaking over the next five years. It identifies who will be involved in the mitigation action and when it will occur. A way to evaluate the mitigation actions is also included in this section.
Implementation and Maintenance	Presents the process by which the CVPDC and its member localities will maintain, including record implementation activities, and update the plan.
References	The References provides a listing of the different resources used in the development of this plan.
Appendices	The Appendices provide the meeting documentation, adoption resolutions, acronyms, FEMA requirement crosswalk, and public comments received.