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The success and value of the CVPDC HMP as a tool and resource to mitigate and positively impact reductions in natural hazard impact on property and individuals relies on plan integration, monitoring, evaluation and, when necessary, updating. This section of the plan outlines the process for plan approval, executive oversight, integrating hazard mitigation into locality and regional planning efforts, and capturing and reflecting changes during the five-year life of this essential regional initiative.

7.1 Plan Adoption

Adoption of the CVPDC HMP by each of the region's member jurisdictions is anticipated to be completed in fall 2020. All adoption resolutions, as well as approval confirmation by FEMA and VDEM, will be included within Appendix A: Adoption Resolutions.

Confirmation of public comment opportunity during the planning process and during the formal review and adoption process, including all necessary public hearings, will be guided, and assisted by CVPDC staff in accordance with FEMA requirements.

7.2 Plan Integration and Implementation

The CVPDC HMP articulates a menu of activities and recommendations that can be integrated into community plans, department protocols, locality capital improvement plans, and agency systems to implement pre-disaster mitigation goals and objectives for the region. Plan adoption is essential, however, fundamental to implementation success is the structural integration of the HMP within foundational community and regional plans, regulatory systems, departmental procedures, and funding structure.

The capability assessment serves as a summary of the existing plans and programs that provide the foundation for plan incorporation into plan updates and integration within departmental programs and system protocols. The planners, emergency managers, and other appropriate staff will ensure appropriate mitigation plan incorporation and activity integration is executed at the locality level.

The primary tool for implementing land use goals is within each locality's zoning ordinance. The regional mitigation plan goals, objectives, and strategies should be evaluated and considered within review and zoning regulation updates, especially site improvements within flood zones.

Emergency managers should capitalize on local and regional disaster operations and recovery plans to execute elements of the Plan mitigation strategies, especially those directly applicable to emergency response operations and efficiency, including training, equipment, and facility improvement needs.

Many of the mitigation strategies, especially those property protection, structural, or natural system resiliency projects, will require considerable planning and large financial investment. Execution will require continuously seeking funding opportunities including federal and state grant programs,



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incorporation and dual benefits across departments and agencies to capitalize on funding efficiency, integration within capital improvement plans.

Ensuring the fundamental recognition, understanding and value in the integration of “hazard mitigation”, “community resiliency”, “stormwater protection”, and “disaster preparedness” planning by residents, businesses, and policy makers will be essential in the implementation of the pre-disaster activities to serve and benefit the region’s localities and residents.

7.3 Evaluating and Updating

The CVPDC will be responsible for convening the CVPDC Mitigation Plan Advisory Committee (MPAC), similarly comprised of locality and agency stakeholder representatives. The CVPDC staff lead will be responsible for organizing two meetings per year that will be dedicated to monitoring progress on strategy execution and evaluating programs (e.g. grants) and coordination opportunities to execute strategies, and determining if any updates or changes within the regional pre-disaster plan are warranted.

At the twice-yearly meetings, the MPAC members will review and report mitigation strategies implementation activities, including regional, locality-specific, and stakeholder summaries. The meetings will also be used to coordinate regional projects, with focus on information and outreach strategies, and incorporate a staff educational component such as information on state, federal or non-profit funding information, overview of success program execution by local partner, discussion of challenges, recording of anticipated future changes or Plan integration, and outline agenda and actions for future meetings. In addition to the scheduled MPAC meetings, CVPDC staff will also conduct individual locality meetings, as necessary, to support or reflect projects relevant to Plan implementation.

Included as an integral component CVPDC staff activity and the Plan maintenance program, will be the yearly submittal of a Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan Annual Report Form to VDEM. It is anticipated that the yearly Plan annual report will be submitted to VDEM in January of each year, however, the submittal schedule will be per VDEM’s requirement. The CVPDC Hazard Mitigation Annual Report, as well as regular program features throughout the year, will be made available for public comment and housed on the CVPDC Mitigation Plan website.

A CVPDC HMP update process will be initiated by the CVPDC, at a minimum, four years after the year of plan adoption. The CVPDC will ensure that the regional hazard plan does not exceed the FEMA five-year program approval and mitigation program eligibility by beginning to seek FEMA funding and plan development preparation three years from the FEMA adoption.

7.4 Public Involvement

This regional pre-disaster planning document will be used by the CVPDC, member jurisdictions and area stakeholders as an active tool to inform projects, programs, or policies to minimize hazard impacts. The CVPDC HMP, along with any changes and the yearly annual reports, will remain publicly available on the CVPDC website. Included within the mitigation plan website is a continuous feature that allows for public comment on the document, any element of mitigation plan execution, or to contact CVPDC staff at any



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time. In addition to commenting on the Plan, to ensure continued public participation opportunities in Plan monitoring and maintenance, the following activities may be utilized:

- MPAC meetings advertised in local newspapers, newsletters, bulletin boards, locality office buildings and/or websites;
- Incorporating hazard mitigation plan activities as components of other CVPDC committee or partner agency agendas; and
- Using media outlets, locality, or area stakeholder websites/newsletters to feature mitigation strategy updates or activity execution.