

Chapter 2: Regulatory Requirements

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2.1 Federal Prerequisites

This chapter of the Plan addresses the Prerequisites of 44 CFR Sections 201.6(a)(1) and (4) and (c)(5), as follows:

Section 201.6(a) Plan requirements.

(1) A local government must have a mitigation plan approved pursuant to this section in order to receive HMGP project grants. ... A local government must have a mitigation plan approved pursuant to this section in order to apply for and receive mitigation project grants under all other mitigation grant programs.

(4) Multi-jurisdictional plans (e.g. watershed plans) may be accepted, as appropriate, as long as each jurisdiction has participated in the process and has officially adopted the plan

Section 201.6(c) Plan content.

(5) Documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan (e.g., City Council, County Commissioner, Tribal Council). For multi-jurisdictional plans, each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan must document that it has been formally adopted.”

2.2 Plan Approval Required for Mitigation Grants Eligibility

FEMA approval of this plan will permit continued eligibility for the programs listed in Chapter 1, Section 1.3. Funding can provide assistance to participating jurisdictions and entities (i.e. water districts, school boards, etc.). Once the plan is approved pending adoption, the governing bodies of the participating jurisdictions, boards and other entities, must formally adopt the plan and submit their adopting resolutions to FEMA through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to receive official FEMA approval. This process must take place within twelve months of FEMA’s notification of conditional approval pending adoption. If the plan is not approved by FEMA and locally adopted by resolution of the governing body, the entity will not be eligible to apply for and receive project grants under any of the FEMA hazard mitigation assistance programs. Hazard mitigation assistance programs have additional requirements for grant eligibility depending on the program’s funding source.

2.3 Multi-Jurisdictional Participation

As part of the ongoing planning process, the City will continue to work with the Atlanta Fulton County Emergency Management Agency (AFCEMA). AFCEMA serves as the lead coordinating agency for mitigation planning in the county and coordinates with the countywide Hazard

Mitigation Planning. Although, this is an update to Alpharetta's mitigation strategy, representatives from AFCEMA and GEMA participated in the planning process to ensure that there was consistency and awareness of regional objectives.

The planning process presented many opportunities for multi-jurisdictional participation. These multijurisdictional participation opportunities included the following activities:

- Planning sessions in which participants
 - Selected a risk assessment methodology
 - Updated the hazard vulnerability assessment
 - Reviewed and revised existing goals and develop new goals as appropriate
 - Identified mitigation projects
 - Updated list of existing mitigation actions being undertaken throughout the city and the county
- Individualized jurisdiction assessments
 - Reviewed risk assessment and hazard vulnerability specific to each jurisdiction
 - Discussed priority hazard mitigation issues facing each jurisdiction
 - Discussed potential mitigation actions and solutions for areas of the jurisdiction vulnerable to priority hazards
 - Discussed and capture mitigation actions, policies, and ordinances undertaken or enacted by the jurisdiction that support hazard mitigation.

2.4 Public Participation

Although most stakeholders are from the government or private sector that are typically impacted by hazards (emergency managers, police, fire, utilities, etc), it is good practice to incorporate input from public, non-profits, etc, that may want to participate in the planning process. For the development of the City of Alpharetta Annex, the public was invited to participate in the process and provide input to the hazard and risk assessment as well as other portions of the Plan by attending meetings and providing comments via an internet site survey. The City of Alpharetta advertised (via its website) a public meeting informing the public of the opportunity to comment on the plan. The announcement was also picked up and broadcasted by the local newspaper before the event. The public meeting was held on the evening of March 15, 2012 at the City's Engineer / Public Works Building. A copy of the web announcement is included in the Public Involvement appendix. A public hearing for the final draft was held on **{insert date and time when complete}**.