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Memo To: Municipal Emergency Managers, Town Administrators in Cumberland County

Subject: County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Dear Colleagues,

Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) has completed the task of updating the FEMA required Hazard Mitigation Plan. This 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan will replace the previous version, published and approved in 2017. This update was a long-term project with extensive research, analysis and outreach to communities, partners, stakeholders and the public. Preparing the plan with a multi-jurisdictional approach alleviated the heavy workload on the municipalities. It also created a more complete picture of Cumberland County's ability to mitigate hazard risks and recover more quickly from a disaster.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved this 2022 plan, pending adoption by all of the County municipalities. CCEMA is now asking each jurisdiction to bring the plan to their city/town council or select board for this approval.

Here is the link to review the 2022 plan and supporting documents:

<https://www.cumberlandcounty.org/231/Hazard-Mitigation>

We have also attached the template approval document which your municipal council/board must complete. If your governing body should decide not to approve the document, the municipality will then be responsible for writing its own mitigation plan and forwarding it to (MEMA) for approval. During that time period, your municipality would be ineligible for some pre-disaster mitigation grants.

After all the communities approve the plan, we must present it to the County Commissioners for their approval, and then send it to the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), which will forward it to FEMA. **Therefore, we must receive the approval document from you by February 25, 2022.**

If you would like a staff member of CCEMA to present this or answer questions to your governing body, please contact our office to schedule the date and time and we will be happy to be of assistance.

Respectfully,

Matthew Mahar
CCEMA Director