

County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2023 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. **11**

Resolution No. 169 -2023

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION adopting the Howard County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Introduced and read first time _____, 2023.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod , Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on _____, 2023.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod , Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted___, Adopted with amendments___, Failed___, Withdrawn___, by the County Council
on _____, 2023.

Certified By _____
Michelle Harrod , Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; ~~Strike-out~~
indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1 **WHEREAS**, the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, recognizes that natural
2 hazards are common occurrences throughout the region and cause significant property damage and
3 loss of life; and

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5 **WHEREAS**, by passage of County Council Resolution No. 112-2004, the County took
6 proactive measures to reduce the impact of these hazards by adopting the first Natural Hazards
7 Mitigation Plan (NHMP); and

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9 **WHEREAS**, by passage of County Council Resolution No. 22-2013 and Council
10 Resolution No. 6-2019, the County adopted the second and third NHMP; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the County remains committed to the mitigation of natural hazards through
13 the concerted efforts of Howard County departments, government partners, and community
14 members; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, OEM and the Natural Hazard Mitigation Update Steering Committee have
17 updated the NHMP consistent with a federally mandated planning process; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the NHMP articulates a comprehensive strategy for implementing
20 technically feasible mitigation activities for the area affected by natural hazards; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, adoption of the NHMP will make the County eligible for future Federal and
23 State grants to implement the NHMP’s recommendations, if and when funds become available;
24 and

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26 **WHEREAS**, the County Executive recommends that the NHMP be adopted by the
27 County Council.

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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
30 Maryland this ____ day of _____ 2023 that the effort to become more disaster
31 resistant is deemed worthy of support, and that the Howard County Natural Hazards Mitigation

- 1 Plan prepared by the Howard County Office of Emergency Management, attached and
- 2 incorporated by reference, is adopted.