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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Kimberly Greer, Assistant to the City Manager

Date: April 25, 2011

Subject: **DeKalb County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

BACKGROUND

Last March, DeKalb County kicked off the update process to the DeKalb County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Hazard Mitigation Plan focuses on sustainable action that can be taken to reduce or eliminate the long term effects of disasters on people and property. Additionally, hazard mitigation plans are critical in that jurisdictions that have adopted a plan are eligible for grants through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for hazard mitigation activities.

Dunwoody has been a full participant of the DeKalb Hazard Mitigation Planning effort. Our Local Planning Group included members of the Police Department, Community Development Department, Public Works Department, and the City Manager's Office. Unlike other planning efforts, hazard mitigation planning focuses on steps and actions the City can complete or can complete working with the County, our Emergency Management Agency, GEMA, and FEMA.

Through the planning process, we reviewed critical facility information, potential hazard exposure, and loss estimates to identify top critical hazards facing the City. In the attached plan, Dunwoody's capability assessment and mitigation plan items are addressed in section 5.9, beginning on page 234. Flooding and winter storms were identified as "frequent and historical" hazards with tornados identified as "historical" hazards. The plan also includes a prioritization and implementation strategy for hazard mitigation action items to address each of the identified top hazards. Actual implementation for each mitigation action will be further dictated by the City Council through the annual budgeting process and the City's efforts to secure grant awards based in Council's priorities.

The plan was approved by GEMA in February and adopted by DeKalb County in March. FEMA has confirmed the plan is in compliance with federal hazard mitigation standards, but will not issue formal approval until each municipality adopts the plan and submits "adoption documentation."

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the City adopt DeKalb County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan by Resolution. By doing so, Dunwoody will be eligible to apply for grants through GEMA and FEMA to begin working to reduce and eliminate long term effects of disasters on our community.

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE DEKALB COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody understands the need to work with DeKalb County to develop a hazard mitigation plan in order for DeKalb County and all incorporated municipalities to comprehend their vulnerability to natural and man-made hazards, and the actions needed to reduce or eliminate those risks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody realizes the development of such a plan is vital to the protection, health, safety and welfare of its citizens as well as its visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody understands that in order for the City to receive mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), it must have a mitigation plan in place at the time of submitting a proposal; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County and its municipal governments, including the City of Dunwoody, are required to maintain a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan that fulfills the Federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody has been a full participant in the updating process of the DeKalb County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, attached hereto and incorporated by reference, that outlines the community's options to reduce overall damage and impact from natural and technological hazards; and

WHEREAS, the updated Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been reviewed by county residents, business owners, state and local agencies, including the City of Dunwoody, and has been revised to reflect their concerns.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody and it is resolved by the authority of said City Council, that by passage of this Resolution the City of Dunwoody Mayor and City Council approve and adopt the DeKalb County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

SO RESOVLED AND EFFECTIVE this 25th day of April, 2011.

Approved:

Ken Wright, Mayor

Attest:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk

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GEORGIA OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

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GOVERNOR



CHARLEY ENGLISH
DIRECTOR

March 23, 2011

Mr. Burrell Ellis
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County
330 W. Ponce de Leon Avenue, 6th Floor
Decatur, Georgia 30030

Dear Mr. Ellis:

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) has completed its review of the DeKalb County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Your plan meets the programmatic requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) local mitigation planning criteria, as stipulated under 44 Code of Regulations (CFR) Section 201.6 published in the Federal Register on February 26, 2002.

The county and each municipality must pass individual resolutions adopting the Plan. Please forward the adopted and signed resolutions to Kelly Keefe, Hazard Mitigation Planner, so that we may submit them to FEMA for inclusion in your plan for formal federal review and approval. Upon submittal of a copy of the participating jurisdictions' adoption documentation as well as documentation of the final public meeting, FEMA will issue formal approval of the DeKalb County Multi-jurisdictional Mitigation Plan. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Kelly Keefe, Hazard Mitigation Planner, at 404-635-2125.

Sincerely,

Terry K. Gunn
Hazard Mitigation Division Director

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cc: William Miller, Director
DeKalb County Emergency Management Agency
Craig Medlin, Deputy Director
DeKalb County Emergency Management Agency
DeKalb County Municipalities
Sheri Russo, Area Coordinator
Georgia Emergency Management Agency



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FEMA

March 22, 2011

Mr. Terry Lunn
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Georgia Emergency Management Agency
Post Office Box 18055
Atlanta, Georgia 30316-0055

Reference: Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: DeKalb County, Georgia

Dear Mr. Lunn:

This is to confirm that we have completed a Federal/State review of the DeKalb County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for compliance with the federal hazard mitigation planning standards contained in 44 CFR 201.6(b)-(d). We have determined that the DeKalb County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is compliant with federal standards, subject to formal community adoption.

In order for our office to issue formal approval of the plan, DeKalb County must submit adoption documentation and document that the final public meeting occurred. Upon submittal of these items to our office, we will issue formal approval of the DeKalb County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact Claude Hyacinthe, of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch, at (770) 220-5403 or Linda L. Byers, of my staff, at (770) 220-5498.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Lowe", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert E. Lowe, Chief
Risk Analysis Branch
Mitigation Division

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DEKALB COUNTY

ITEM NO. FF4

HEARING TYPE
Preliminary

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES
MEETING DATE: March 22, 2011

ACTION TYPE

SUBJECT: 2010 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

DEPARTMENT: Police

PUBLIC HEARING: YES NO

ATTACHMENT: YES No

PAGES:

INFORMATION CONTACT: William Z. Miller
Director of Public Safety

PHONE NUMBER: 770-724-7899

PURPOSE:

To consider approving and adopting the 2010 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for DeKalb County; and

To consider authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to execute any associated documents.

NEED/IMPACT:

DeKalb County is required to develop a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan in order for the County to comprehend its vulnerability to natural and man-made hazards, and the actions needed to reduce or eliminate those risks. The plan is vital to the protection, health, safety and welfare of its citizens as well as its visitors. The Plan outlines the community's options to reduce overall damage and impact from natural and technological hazards and it has been reviewed by county residents, business owners, state and local agencies, and has been revised to reflect their concerns.

In order for DeKalb County to receive mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), it must have a mitigation plan in place at the time of submitting a proposal. DeKalb County and its municipal governments are required to maintain a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan that fulfills the Federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

RECOMMENDATION (S):

To approve and adopt the 2010 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for DeKalb County; and

To authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute any associated documents.

Resolution

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT
THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS DeKalb County understands the need to develop a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan in order for the County to comprehend its vulnerability to natural and man-made hazards, and the actions needed to reduce or eliminate those risks; and

WHEREAS DeKalb County realizes the development of such a plan is vital to the protection, health, safety and welfare of its citizens as well as its visitors; and

WHEREAS DeKalb County understands that in order for the County to receive mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), it must have a mitigation plan in place at the time of submitting a proposal; and

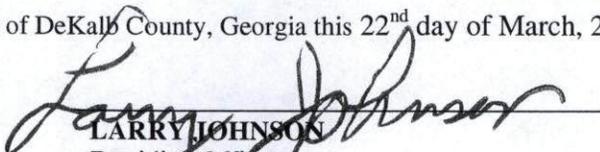
WHEREAS DeKalb County and its municipal governments are required to maintain a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan that fulfills the Federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS DeKalb County has updated its Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A, that outlines the community's options to reduce overall damage and impact from natural and technological hazards; and

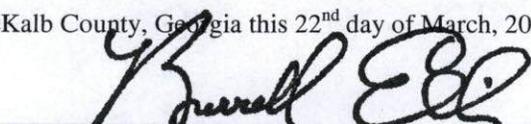
WHEREAS the Updated Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been reviewed by county residents, business owners, state and local agencies, and has been revised to reflect their concerns.

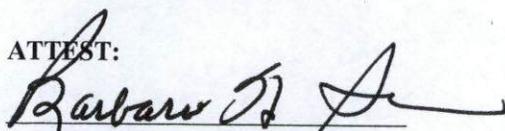
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN IS HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED,

ADOPTED BY the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, Georgia this 22nd day of March, 2011.


LARRY JOHNSON
Presiding Officer
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DeKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA

APPROVED BY the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, Georgia this 22nd day of March, 2011.


W. BURRELL ELLIS, JR.
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

BARBARA H. SANDERS, CCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia