



RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION by
THE TOWN OF BLOWING ROCK:
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, HIGH COUNTRY REGION

WHEREAS, the citizens and property within the Town of Blowing Rock are subject to the effects of natural hazards that pose threats to lives and cause damage to property, and with the knowledge and experience that certain areas of the county are particularly vulnerable to flooding, high winds, droughts/heat waves and severe winter weather; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Blowing Rock desires to seek ways to mitigate the impact of identified hazard risks; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Part 6, Article 21 of Chapter 143; Parts 3, 5, and 8 of Article 19 of Chapter 160A; and Article 8 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes, delegated to local governmental units the responsibility to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has in Section 1 Part 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes (adopted in Session Law 2001-214 --- Senate Bill 300 effective July 1, 2001), states therein in Item (a) (2) "For a state of disaster proclaimed pursuant to G.S. 166A-6(a) after August 1, 2002, the eligible entity shall have a hazard mitigation plan approved pursuant to the Stafford Act"; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 states that local governments must develop an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan to be eligible to receive future Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds and other disaster-related assistance funding and that said Plan must be updated and adopted within a five-year cycle; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Blowing Rock has performed a comprehensive review and evaluation of each section of the previously approved Hazard Mitigation Plan and has updated the said plan as required under regulations at 44 CFR Part 201 and according to guidance issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Blowing Rock to fulfill this obligation in order that the County will be eligible for federal and state assistance if a state of disaster is declared for a hazard event affecting the Town of Blowing Rock;

NOW, therefore, be it resolved, that the Town of Blowing Rock hereby:

1. Adopts the High Country Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and
2. Vests the Watauga County Emergency Management Coordinator with the responsibility, authority, and the means to:
 - (a) Inform all concerned parties of this action.
 - (b) Cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map and identify floodplain areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining floodplain areas to prevent exacerbation of existing hazard impacts.
3. Appoints the Watauga County Emergency Management Coordinator to assure that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is reviewed annually and every five years as specified in the Plan to assure that the Plan complies with all State and Federal regulations and that any needed revisions or amendments to the Plan are developed and presented to the Town of Blowing Rock for consideration.
4. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Adopted on this 9th, day of January 2018

By:

Charlie Sellers, Mayor

Hilari Hubner, Town Clerk