

Public Meeting #1 Notes

Title: Prince George's County Hazard Mitigation Plan - **Public Meeting #1** **Location:** Microsoft Teams (Virtual)

Date: Wednesday, November 9th, 2022 **Time:** 6:00 – 7:00 pm ET

Purpose: The 2023 update of the Prince George’s County, MD Hazard Mitigation Plan is underway. Dewberry will provide an overview of the planning process, share current progress, provide preliminary results from the risk assessment, discuss potential changes to planning goals, hold an open forum for public questions and input, and share opportunities for further involvement.

Attendees:

Scott Choquette, Dewberry	Jaden N. Burnett, Landover OHS/OEM
Mikaela Strech, Dewberry	Noelle Burnett, Landover OHS/OEM
Ehsan Bahador, OHS/OEM	Teresa Garcia, County Resident
Joey Henderson, OHS/OEM	Alice Oshogbele, Sanitation Commissioner, Town of Eagle Harbor
Mark Weissman, OHS/OEM	Joyce Prince, Public Safety Commissioner, Town of Eagle Harbor
Mark Grisar, Mt. Rainier CERT	Mirna Lopez- Laurel resident and homeowner
Anthony (Tony) Grimes, OHS	Alice E Teffian, Vice President, Eagle Harbor Citizens Association
Shelly Gooding, OHS/OEM	Eric L. Coates, REM Director of Health & Safety/Sr. Project Manager at McKissack
Darrell Small, OHS/OEM	Alonzo Joy, Upper Marlboro CERT
David Lewis, OHS/OEM	
Ryan Chelton, Development Services, Town of Riverdale Park	
Stephanie Robinson, City of Bowie OEM	
Melvin Mason, Upper Marlboro CERT	

Meeting Summary

Scott Choquette (Project Manager, Dewberry) held a public meeting as a representative of the Prince George’s County Office of Homeland Security/Office of Emergency Management on September 9, 2022. A PowerPoint presentation was used to provide an overview of the mitigation plan update process, review the project status, and highlight key risk assessment results. Discussions were held to solicit public feedback on draft mitigation goals and potential mitigation projects. Opportunities to continue involvement in the planning process were provided at the end. Discussion and presentation topics are grouped below with input and questions from the attendees.

Meeting Notes

Welcome and Opening Remarks

No Comments

Project Status

- Not about the plan getting funding, but about creating meaningful projects
- Keeping to schedule because we want to make sure to maximize opportunities to receive grant funding, which has strict timelines

Risk Assessment Results

- Mark Grisar: Extreme heat might be in the high category - anecdotally
- Scott: When you identify a vulnerability, you have to come up with strategies to address, so the higher the more strategies, but the difference between medium-high and high is more about the appetite of the county to address; federally, a lot of urgency to address it

Draft Mitigation Goals Discussion

No Comments

Potential Project Brainstorm

- Mark Grisar: conversation going on about when there's a great disaster, how do things get rebuilt - the way they were? The same place? Does that play into the planning? For example, coastal flooding.
 - Scott response: There's recovery of how to get things running. Then there's long-term recovery about rebuilding - most of the US we aren't good at this. We are starting to think about it. In terms of this plan, this is a conversation we should have
- Joey: a case-by-case basis, we've not had those issues in terms of flooding. In the past we've had ground movement - it wasn't feasible for the property owner to rebuild in the same areas
- Melvin Mason: has there been thought about boosting the involvement of organizations - like Community Emergency Response Team or [blank] - to provide more training?
- (Chat) Teresa Garcia: In 2018 the Little Patuxent River rose and the flood washed away parts of 198. I'm glad that these types of issues can be addressed so that they don't occur in the future

Next Steps

No Comments

Questions & Comments (Open Forum)

No Comments