

Liberty County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning

PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

Liberty County Seeks Additional Public Input on Update to Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

(Hinesville, GA) – The Liberty County Emergency Management Agency (LCEMA), in partnership with Tennessee-based BOLDplanning Inc., is in the process of updating the County’s Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP). Mitigation planning helps local leaders better understand risks from natural hazards, and develop long-term strategies that will reduce the impacts of future events on people, property, and the environment. As part of the activity, the County, including the jurisdictions of Allenhurst, Flemington, Gumbranch, Hinesville, Midway, Riceboro and Walthourville, is seeking feedback from residents and businesses to incorporate into the plan.

All are encouraged to attend a public meeting pertaining to the plan’s updating, which will be held as follows:

When: Wednesday, February 26, 2020

2:00pm (Stakeholders Only) and 6:00pm (General Public)

**Where: 112 North Main Street - Liberty County Annex Building
Hinesville, Ga. 31313**

A draft of the plan will be posted on the County’s website for public review prior to submission to the State of Georgia and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

According to FEMA, the planning process itself is as important as the resulting plan because it encourages communities to integrate mitigation with day-to-day decision making regarding land use planning, floodplain management, site design, and other functions.

“Hazard mitigation planning is the foundation of Liberty County’s emergency management program,” said LCEMA Director, Larry Logan. “The project helps us not only understand the hazards with the greatest potential to affect our beloved communities but also gives us the opportunity to minimize, if not eliminate their impacts in the future.”

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires counties to update their plan every five years in order to maintain eligibility for certain federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funding programs.

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