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CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG FINALIZES HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN; OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Charlotte, NC ... Charlotte-Mecklenburg has updated its multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan in coordination with the six incorporated towns: Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill and Pineville. This plan assesses the risks posed to people and property by natural hazards such as floods, tornadoes, high winds and winter storms, and includes recommended actions to help eliminate or reduce those risks.

The plan also provides local governments with strategies for reducing the potential impact of natural hazards including preparedness training, regulations on land use and building construction, and through public education and awareness.

Citizens are encouraged to read and submit comments regarding the updated draft plan, which can be found online at <http://www.charmeckem.net/hmp>. Comments may be submitted to CharMeckEM@charlottenc.gov by May 28.

For more information on Charlotte-Mecklenburg's hazard mitigation plan, read below or contact Wayne Broom, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management Director, at (704) 336-7616.

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Originally completed and adopted in 2005, and subsequently approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan assures that Charlotte-Mecklenburg and each of its municipal jurisdictions remain eligible for a range of state and federal disaster assistance, as well as pre-disaster hazard mitigation grants funds made available each year by FEMA on a nationally competitive basis.

The hazard mitigation plan update process is being led by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management Office in partnership with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services, but involves representatives from other City and County departments as well as each of the participating town jurisdictions that serve on a local Mitigation Planning Committee.

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