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Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Adopted By Hyde, Approved By FEMA

Hyde County is better prepared for disasters with the recent approval of the Pamlico Sound Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is a long-term strategy to reduce the county's and the region's vulnerability to natural disasters. Hyde is the first county to adopt the plan and receive approval by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Beaufort, Craven, Pamlico, and Carteret counties are expected to approve the regional plan in the near future.

Adopted plans identify hazards and potential hazards in the communities, and create a framework to help community officials make decisions that may ultimately protect lives and property.

The plan also outlines a strategy for implementing mitigation projects in Hyde County. Through projects such as housing elevation the Hyde County Office of Planning is taking proactive steps to lessen the impact of future disasters and the costly expenses associated with them.

History shows that the physical, financial and emotional losses caused by disasters can be reduced significantly through hazard mitigation planning. The planning process encourages communities to integrate mitigation with day-to-day decision making regarding land-use planning, floodplain management, site design and other activities.

FEMA reviews and approves state, tribal and local hazard mitigation plans, which are required as a condition for states and communities to receive certain types of disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects. State mitigation plans must be approved every three years, and local and tribal mitigation plans must be approved at least once every five years.

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