



Resolution 26 – 02

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 UPDATE TO THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Sponsored By: Mayor and Council

Proposed: April 9, 2026

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WHEREAS, The Town of Elsmere, New Castle County, and the State of Delaware, like all other states in the Mid-Atlantic region, are vulnerable to hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, severe storms, extreme heat, winter storms, drought, and other natural and technological hazards and disasters including terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, that in the past have or could cause extensive loss of life and property, and severe disruption to essential human services; and

WHEREAS, past hazard events have caused property damage, economic loss, and threats to public health and safety within New Castle County and its municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Stafford Act was amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 Section 322 (DMA2000) (P.L. 106-390), which provides approaches to mitigation planning and emphasizes the need for state, local and tribal entities to closely coordinate mitigation planning and implementation efforts as outlined in 44 CFR Part 201; and

WHEREAS, New Castle County, through the Office of Emergency Management, in coordination with participating municipalities, state agencies, and other stakeholders, has completed an update to the New Castle County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (2025 Update) for submission to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, the planning process included public outreach, risk assessment, vulnerability analysis, and the development of mitigation strategies to reduce long-term risk to people and property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Elsmere participated in the planning process and provided input regarding local hazards, vulnerabilities, and mitigation actions; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is required for the Town of Elsmere to maintain eligibility for certain federal pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, THAT;

That the Town of Elsmere hereby adopts the New Castle County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update.

**RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL THIS 9th DAY OF APRIL 2026
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

1. That the Town of Elsmere agrees to use the adopted plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation activities, including project identification, prioritization, and implementation.
2. The Town of Elsmere will coordinate mitigation strategies and actions with New Castle County and other participating jurisdictions where appropriate.

3. The Town of Elsmere will incorporate hazard mitigation principles into local planning mechanisms, including but not limited to comprehensive plans, capital improvement planning, and emergency management activities.
4. The Town of Elsmere will continue to participate in the plan maintenance process, including monitoring progress and providing updates as needed.
5. If this resolution is adopted prior to final FEMA approval, it shall remain in effect and apply to the plan upon FEMA approval, including any minor revisions required by FEMA.

Joann I. Personti, Mayor

Jane McDaniel, Secretary

SYNOPSIS

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This Resolution adopts the 2025 Update to the New Castle County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan and makes the Town eligible for pre- and post-disaster funding.

FISCAL IMPACT

This resolution makes the Town eligible for pre- and post-disaster federal funding.