



## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICE

### **Legislative and Fiscal Summary of Administration Legislation**

**To:** Members, Anne Arundel County Council

**From:** Ethan Hunt, Director of Government Affairs /s/

**Date:** September 2, 2025

**Subject:** Res. No. 22-25 – Resolution Confirming the Adoption of the Anne Arundel County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2025 Update

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This summary was prepared by the Anne Arundel County Government Relations Office for use by members of the Anne Arundel County Council during consideration of Resolution No. 22-25.

### **Summary**

The purpose of this Resolution is to confirm the County Executive's adoption of the Anne Arundel County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2025 Update as Anne Arundel County's hazard mitigation Plan as required by federal law and regulations. 44 CFR 201.6 requires that a local government must have a hazard mitigation Plan representing the jurisdiction's commitment to reduce risks from natural hazards in order to be eligible to receive certain federal grants. The federal regulation also provides that the Plan must be formally adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction. The County's Office of Emergency Management ("OEM") has prepared the Anne Arundel County Hazard Mitigation Plan – 2025 Update (the "Plan") and the County Executive has issued Executive Order No. 68 adopting the Plan as Anne Arundel County's hazard mitigation Plan, as required under federal law and regulations. Pursuant to § 1014 of the County Charter, the County Executive has referred this action to the County Council for its confirmation.

The Anne Arundel County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) update is a blueprint to reduce the impact of future disasters by identifying hazards, assessing risks, and outlining mitigation projects and policies. It was developed by a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC), which included county agencies, partners, and the Town of Highland Beach. Community involvement is a core component of the HMP update. The County actively solicited public input on the draft Plan through various channels, including online surveys, library displays, and public meetings. This public feedback helped identify and prioritize mitigation

**Note:** This Legislative and Fiscal Summary provides a synopsis of the legislation as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the legislation.

actions and projects The previous HMPs for Anne Arundel County were developed in 2006, 2012, and 2018. The five-year update is required by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to maintain eligibility for federal mitigation grant funding.

The 2025 HMP has three primary goals:

1. Protect life and property: Safeguard against future disaster impacts by reducing potential damages and economic losses.
2. Secure grant funding: Ensure the county remains eligible for federal grants, including pre-disaster and post-disaster funding.
3. Increase community resilience: Build a stronger community through more effective response and recovery efforts after disaster events.

The HMPC used a Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) to determine how natural hazards might affect the county. The Plan is divided into several sections:

- Section 1: Community Profile: Details the county's physical and demographic characteristics, including geography, hydrography, development, and land use.
- Section 2: Planning Process: Explains the history and regulatory requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and describes stakeholder involvement in the update.
- Section 3: Risk Assessment: Quantifies the hazards most likely to affect the county and analyzes their potential impact on people, property, and the environment.
- Section 4: Capability Assessment: Summarizes the programs and resources available to support the Plan's implementation.
- Section 5: Mitigation Strategy: Lists the updated mitigation actions and projects designed to achieve the Plan's goals.
- Section 6: Plan Maintenance: Describes the process for monitoring, evaluating, and updating the Plan over its five-year cycle.
- Section 7: Approval and Adoption: Provides details on the steps needed for FEMA approval and formal adoption by the county's legislative body.

The Plan appendices include supporting documentation, calculations, and methodologies used in the Planning process.

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### **Fiscal Impact**

Please see the Fiscal Note the Budget Office has prepared for an explanation of the fiscal impact of this Bill.

### **Additional Information**

The Government Relations Office is available to answer any additional questions regarding this Bill. Specific questions should be directed to Lori Blair Klasmeier, Office of Law, or Preeti Emrick, Office of Emergency Management. Thank you.

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