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Chester County Seeks Community Input

Chester, SC. Chester County and the Emergency Management Agency are developing an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan to review all hazards and develop appropriate mitigation strategies to reduce community risk and enhance resiliency. The Hazard Mitigation Plan includes the City of Chester and the towns of Fort Lawn, Great Falls, Lowrys, and Richburg and is intended to lessen the loss of life and property by decreasing the impact of disasters.

“The community input provided by our residents will help shape the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan and our mitigation strategies,” said Ed Darby, Chester County Emergency Management Director.

Chester County, with assistance from the Catawba Regional Council of Governments, seeks community input on natural hazards and mitigation strategies. Residents, businesses, and community stakeholders are encouraged to participate in a public forum and complete a survey on hazards and mitigation strategies to strengthen community preparedness. The public forum will be held on Thursday, August 19th, at 10 AM, at the Government Complex, Council Chambers, 1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass, in Chester.

“We hope everyone will take a few minutes to complete the survey and provide their input and share their ideas on improving community preparedness, resilience, and sustainability,” said Ed Darby, Chester County Emergency Management Director. “This is an opportunity for everyone to get involved and increase community awareness of hazards and mitigation strategies needed to protect our County.”

People interested in participating in the project are encouraged to complete the survey by August 27th. Links to the survey and opportunities to participate in the public forum remotely can be found on Chester County’s website, www.chestercounty.org, and Catawba Regional Council of Governments’ website, www.catawbacog.org. For those residents who would like to submit paper surveys, printed surveys are available at the Emergency Management Agency, 127 Saluda Street, Chester.

Hazard mitigation plans are prepared in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988 and must be approved by the South Carolina Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to receive post-disaster recovery and mitigation funding.

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