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Subj: 2011 CUMBERLAND COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN
ADOPTION

The Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) has received conditional approval of the 2011 Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) update from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In Maine, HMPs are maintained at the County level and incorporate all municipal mitigation considerations.

Each municipality in Cumberland County has participated in the update process and "conditional approval" means that the plan meets all FEMA requirements for incorporation into our County emergency management program. The next step in the process is to have all 28 communities review and sign (adopt) the enclosed document. Once that is complete, CCEMA will present the plan to the County Commissioners for signature/adoption. With the final approval comes renewed eligibility for all municipalities to compete for valuable mitigation grant funding.

A summary of mitigation projects that may qualify for funding either derived from or further refined in the updating process are included in the 2011 HMP update.

As previously noted, completion of this effort requires "adoption by the local governing body." Therefore, the Cumberland County Commissioners and the Boards of Selectmen and the Councils of the 28 Incorporated Cities and Towns are requested to adopt the 2011 Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan as soon as possible. Adoption acknowledges that natural hazards create a risk of harm to persons and damage to property and that implementing certain measures may reduce the risk of harm to persons and damage to property resulting from these natural hazards.

The disc accompanying this letter contains a copy of the 2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan may be also viewed at the Cumberland County Website <http://www.cumberlandcounty.org/EMA/hazard.htm> The adoption signature pages will be added to the plan once the adoption process is complete.

SECTION II - PREREQUISITES

ADOPTION BY THE JURISDICTIONS

Requirement §201.6(c)(5):	[The local hazard mitigation plan shall include] documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan (e.g., City Council, County Commissioner, Tribal Council).
Requirement §201.6(c)(5):	For multi-jurisdictional plans, each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan must document that it has been formally adopted.

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Whereas, the cities and towns of Cumberland County, in the State of Maine, recognize that natural hazards create a risk of harm to persons and damage to property; and

Whereas, the cities and towns of Cumberland County recognize that implementing certain measures may reduce the risk of harm to persons and damage to property resulting from these natural hazards;

Therefore, the Town Council, on behalf of the Town of Cape Elizabeth hereby adopts the 2011 Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES

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