



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

Department of Public Safety
Division of Emergency Management

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Jim Gray
Urban County Council

FROM: Patricia L. Dugger, RS, MPA, Director DEM *P.L.D.*

RE: Adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Lexington Fayette.

DATE: February 20, 2013

I request the Urban County Council to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Lexington Fayette. The mission of the plan is designed to sustain the community by mitigating damage and losses caused by natural hazards.

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 required all local communities to undertake a planning process to identify and reduce vulnerability to losses from natural hazards which would be used in developing local mitigation plans. The plan must be formally adopted by the Lexington Fayette Urban County Council. Local communities without an adopted plan will not be eligible for Post Disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding.

It is a FEMA requirement that all jurisdictions have an approved plan and that it be updated and reapproved every 5 years. Our current plan was adopted in 2006 and has now been updated, reviewed and approved by KYEM and has "conditional approval" by FEMA until it is locally approved by Council and then will be approved by FEMA.

The Lexington Fayette Hazard Mitigation Plan demonstrates the commitment to reducing the risks from natural hazards, and should serve as a guide for all levels of local decision makers.

The plan in its entirety is located at the offices of the Division of Emergency Management.

There is no direct financial impact to the government.