

Background

Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

- The 2020 Update of the Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan (CSHMP) was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) contingent upon adoption by the twenty-one local jurisdictions in the Central Shenandoah Region.
- **The federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000** requires local governments to develop and adopt hazard mitigation plans in order to be eligible to apply for and receive certain hazard mitigation grant funds.
- In 2005, the original plan was approved by FEMA and adopted by all twenty-one jurisdictions in the Region. The plan was updated in 2013. The 2020 update is the second update of the Plan.
- Periodic updates of the Plan are required. The current update process began in 2019 with meetings of the Plan's Steering Committee made up of local and state government staff, representatives from the public, private, and non-profit sectors, and interested citizens.
- Each jurisdiction updated their jurisdiction's mitigation strategies that are included in the plan.
- As part of the update process, public involvement was also included through an on-line survey as well as engagement at community events (prior to the pandemic).
- Contents of the Plan include:
 - a ranking of hazards that impact the Region
 - historical information about specific severe weather events
 - broad categories of mitigation strategies for each jurisdiction
 - a regional capabilities assessment

Hazard Identification Ranking Results Of The 2020 CSHMP	
Hazard Type	Ranking
Flooding or Dam Failure	Significant
Drought	High
Hurricane	High
Severe Winter Weather	High
Land Subsidence/Karst	Medium
Wind (Tornado, Derecho or Straight-Line Winds)	Medium
Wildfire	Medium
Landslide	Low
Earthquake	Low
Hazardous Materials (Transportation and Industrial)	Medium
Terrorism	Low
Power Outages	Medium