

Section V – Revisions and Updates

A. REVISIONS TO PLAN

The evaluation of the Hazard Mitigation Plan's effectiveness will be an ongoing process. In addition to preparation of a plan maintenance report on an annual basis, the Town must also revise the Plan once every five (5) years. It will be the responsibility of the Advisory Committee to review the annual plan maintenance reports and make recommendations to the Town Council which will be presented by the Planning Director. The Council has the ability to authorize the revisions to the Plan.

Upon receipt of authorization from the Council, the Plan will be revised in accordance with current Hazard Mitigation legislation. The revised plan must be submitted to the North Carolina Emergency Management State Hazard Mitigation Officer and to FEMA for review and approval.

B. UPDATES TO PLAN

In the plan maintenance report, the Advisory Committee will recommend updates to the Plan. These updates can relate to policy implementation, changes in the community's vulnerability, and changes in the community's capability to mitigate damages of natural hazards. Likewise, new strategies and policies may need to be incorporated into the plan in order for the Town to better mitigate future disasters. Updates to the Plan will be made as they are necessary, along with the date, reason for the update, and person responsible for the update.

Updates to the plan must be adopted by Town Council in order to be enforceable. The adoption procedure for the updated plan will follow the same process that the adoption of the Plan followed. A Resolution of Adoption of the Update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan will be taken before the Town Council at a Public Hearing. Following the Public Hearing, the Resolution will be referred to the Planning Board who will make a recommendation back to Council for a final vote to adopt. All meetings will be open to the public for discussion.

