

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** to adopt the South Central Region Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2018 as the official plan of the City of New Haven to prioritize strategies for the mitigation of impacts of natural disasters. (New Haven City Plan Department)

REPORT: 1548-12

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

In 2005, the City developed and adopted the citywide Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan in response to requirements by the federal government (The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000) in order to be eligible for federal grants for non-emergency pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation. In 2013, The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) was awarded a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Planning grant to develop a Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan for 10 municipalities, easing the task of individual municipalities from having to update their plans.

During the drafting of the Plan's five year update in 2018, four additional municipalities were added to the plan: East Haven, Milford, Guilford and New Haven. Upon adoption, the new regional plan will replace New Haven's individual plan from 2005.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The Multi-Jurisdiction HMP update provides the region with a comprehensive mitigation strategy for prioritizing action and projects that will reduce natural disaster losses and damage to the region. The plan systematically defines natural disaster risk and the vulnerability of critical structures in relation to existing natural hazard areas.

Following a series of meetings a list of mitigation projects were identified for the City including, but not limited to, beach nourishment along Pardee Seawall, Quinnipiac River shoreline stabilization south of River Street, Downtown stormwater modeling and drainage system improvements, installation of green infrastructure downtown, Morris Cove drainage improvements, and the installation of a seawall along Criscuolo Park. Many of the projects are in progress already; additional funding opportunities become available because of the adoption of the HMP.

ADVICE

The Commission finds the Order in the best interest of the City and recommends approval.

ADOPTED: September 20, 2018
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
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