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November 1, 2022

The Honorable Dale Wagoner
County Administrator
Henry County
P.O. Box 7
Collinsville, Virginia 24078

Dear Dale Wagoner:

The Amendment to the West Piedmont Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), originally approved on April 11, 2022, has been approved. The approval is based on the letter from Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Emergency Management, dated September 12, 2022. It is supported by documentation from Henry County. The revision to the West Piedmont Multi-Jurisdictional HMP is recorded as follows:

Mitigation Action:

Goal 1: Reduce future damages, losses, and risks to the community by protecting natural and built infrastructure (homes, businesses, utility infrastructure, critical facilities, and other property) from the effects of hazards.

Action: Provide critical public facilities with (1) necessary electrical hook-up, wiring, and switches to allow readily accessible connections and (2) backup generators.

Please ensure that the amended annex is made available to the public and included in the next West Piedmont Multi-Jurisdictional HMP update. If you have questions about the mitigation plan or mitigation grant funding, contact Debbie Messmer, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, at (804) 897-9975. I commend you for your dedication to reducing future disaster losses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Wolfe".

Sarah Wolfe, Branch Chief
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cc: Debbie Messmer, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, VDEM
Cole Taggart, All Hazards Planner, Region 6, VDEM
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RE: West Piedmont Planning District Commission Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
Amendments: Henry County Project Amendment

Please find attached a request for amendment of the West Piedmont Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Henry County has reviewed the plan and found that the enclosed amendment is needed to effect the projects that they intend to execute during this plan adoption period.

The amendment has been reviewed and is in cooperation with the West Piedmont Planning District Commission (PDC), as well as the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM). A letter of support from County Administrator and Director of Emergency Management Wagoner, indicating the Board of Supervisors endorsement, is attached; as well as the verbatim changes to be reflected in the plan. VDEM is proud to be submitting the proposed amendments on behalf of Henry County and the West Piedmont PDC for your approval.

If you need additional information about the plan or this amendment, please contact Cole Taggart, all hazards planner, VDEM Region 6, at cole.taggart@vdem.virginia.gov or at 804-998-0249.

Sincerely,

Debbie Messmer

Debbie Messmer, CFM
State Hazard Mitigation Officer, VDEM

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RE: Addendum to West Piedmont Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Dear Mr. Taggart:

The County of Henry is proposing the attached amendment to the West Piedmont Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Henry County adopted the latest plan update April 26, 2022. The amendment has the full endorsement of the Henry County Board of Supervisors, and we intend to include this amendment in the West Piedmont Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan when it is revised.

Please forward this amendment to FEMA for their concurrence and approval.

Sincerely,

Dale Wagoner
County Administrator

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Table Error! No text of specified style in document.-1. Mitigation Goals, Objectives, and Actions

Goal	Objective Activity Category	Objective	Action	Hazard(s) Addressed	Municipality & Priority (Low, Medium, High)
Goal 1. Reduce future damages, losses, and risks to the community by protecting natural and built infrastructure (homes, businesses, utility infrastructure, critical facilities, and other property) from the effects of hazards.	Structure and Infrastructure Projects	Objective 1.2. Integrate relevant structural hazard mitigation techniques and monitoring of community facilities/ infrastructure to minimize future loss and damages.	Provide critical public facilities with (1) necessary electrical hook-up, wiring, and switches to allow readily accessible connections and (2) backup generators.	Flooding, Winter Storm, Hurricane Wind, Severe Weather, Tornado, Earthquake	Henry County

D.1. Jurisdiction Actions

Each jurisdiction selected and prioritized mitigation strategies for their jurisdiction. The mitigation actions ranked as “high” for each jurisdiction are described in more detail below.

D.1.4. Henry County

Provide critical public facilities with (1) necessary electrical hook-up, wiring, and switches to allow readily accessible connections and (2) backup generators.	
Category	Structure and Infrastructure Projects; preparedness & response
Hazard	Flooding, Winter Storm, Hurricane Wind, Severe Weather, Tornado, Earthquake
Objective(s) addressed	1.2

Provide critical public facilities with (1) necessary electrical hook-up, wiring, and switches to allow readily accessible connections and (2) backup generators.

Cost benefit	This work is already underway, and it has been determined the benefits outweigh the costs.
Background	<p>Weather conditions throughout the year can cause unexpected power outages that affect critical public facilities. These outages can happen during thunderstorms, hurricanes, winter storms, and many other events.</p> <p>Generators are needed to provide reliable, immediate and full-strength power when primary power systems fail. Standby power is required for health care facilities, operations centers, food storage, essential building operations, correctional and security systems, water pumping stations, and 911 call centers.</p> <p>Generator hook-ups allow the County to have a supply of mobile generators that can be assigned based on needs (as opposed to buying a generator for each facility). Installing hook-ups ensures that generators can be used quickly wherever they are sent.</p> <p>This strategy is on-going, and the County is seeking funding for schools, fire, EMS, and other critical facilities.</p>
Estimated Cost	Low
Funding sources	HMPG, County funds, FEMA EMPG
Responsible party	Emergency Management
Completion date	Short-term