

## 2022 Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Code of Virginia § 44-146.19 authorizes and requires each political subdivision within the Commonwealth to be responsible for local disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended requires that local government develop, adopt, and update natural hazard mitigation plans in order to receive certain federal assistance. The Code of Virginia requires City Council approval of the plan.

The 2022 Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan (NOVA HMP) brings together hazard risk and disaster resilience efforts through its planning process and related activities with the aim of reducing long-term vulnerability for all jurisdictions in the region. Representatives from the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William; the Cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park; and the Towns of Clifton, Dumfries, Haymarket, Herndon, Leesburg, Lovettsville, Middleburg, Occoquan, Purcellville, Round Hill, and Vienna participated throughout the NOVA HMP planning process.

The NOVA HMP incorporates the comments, ideas, and concerns of the community and of the public in general, which this plan is designed to protect, ascertained through a series of public hearings, publication of the draft plan, press releases, and other outreach activities.

The 2022 NOVA HMP includes the following basic components:

- The Base Plan
- Appendices
- Jurisdiction Annexes

The Base Plan provides the regional context for the identification and risk assessment of natural hazards, the resulting mitigation strategy, and action plans for implementation. The appendices document the steps taken in updating the Plan and its specific components. The jurisdiction annexes present hazard risk and vulnerability information that is specific to that jurisdiction. They provide a foundation for developing effective and feasible mitigation actions that result in the successful reduction of hazard vulnerability.