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FEMA Approves Hazard Mitigation Plan

GLYNN COUNTY Ga, The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved the Joint Hazard Mitigation Plan which identifies potential natural hazards for the City of Brunswick, the Jekyll Island Authority, and Glynn County in order to reduce the community's vulnerability to natural disasters. The plan, assembled by the Glynn County Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, also provides a framework to help community officials make decisions that may ultimately protect lives and property.

Hazard planning and mitigation are continuous processes. Glynn County is currently using items identified in the plan such as shoreline protection and sea level rise to work with state and local partners to correct known issues. The Hazard Mitigation Plan supports and works with the Local Emergency Operations Plan and the Disaster Recovery and Redevelopment Plan to provide a comprehensive look at Glynn County in all phases of a disaster and recovery.

History shows that the physical, financial and emotional losses caused by disasters can be reduced significantly through hazard mitigation planning. The planning process encourages communities to integrate mitigation with day-to-day decision making regarding land-use planning, floodplain management, site design and other activities.

FEMA reviews and approves state, tribal and local hazard mitigation plans, which are required as a condition for states and communities to receive certain types of disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects. State mitigation plans must be approved every five years, and local and tribal mitigation plans must be approved at least once every five years.

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