

RESOLUTION NO. 14
(Series of 2022)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, COLORADO ADOPTING THE 2022 CLEAR CREEK COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN FOR THE TOWN

WHEREAS, the Town of Georgetown is a Colorado municipal corporation operating under a Territorial Charter and governed by its Board of Selectmen; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen (the “Board”) is authorized to adopt such rules, regulations and restrictions for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5165) requires local governments to develop a Hazard Mitigation Plan as a condition for receiving funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at Title 44, Chapter 1, part 201, requires counties and municipalities to prepare and adopt a local hazard mitigation plan every five years; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Georgetown, Colorado (“Town”) recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Town and the region; and

WHEREAS, a request for proposals was issued through the Clear Creek County (“County”) Office of Emergency Management to hire an experienced consulting firm to work with the County and the Town to update a comprehensive hazard mitigation plan for the County and area participating jurisdictions, including the Town; and

WHEREAS, a Steering Committee comprised of members of the County, and the Towns of Empire, Georgetown and Silver Plume was convened and participated in the FEMA prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare a proposed Clear Creek County Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated March 2022 (the “Plan), in order to assess the risks of hazards and to make recommendations on actions to be taken to mitigate these hazards, and

WHEREAS, the Plan incorporates the comments, ideas and concerns of the community and of the public in general, ascertained through a series of public meetings, publication of the draft plan document, press releases, and other outreach activities; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (CDHSEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Region VIII, officials have reviewed the Plan and have approved the same as meeting the requirements of Section 322 of the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5165) and the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at Title 44, Chapter 1, part 201; and

WHEREAS, the City Council therefore wishes to adopt the Plan as the hazard mitigation plan applicable to the City for purposes of mitigating against disasters and potentially obtaining federal funds and other advantageous funding mechanisms to implement the same.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Town of Georgetown, Colorado:

Section 1. The Clear Creek County Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated March 30 2022, a copy of the title page and Executive Summary of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted as the hazard mitigation plan for the Town of Georgetown, Colorado.

Section 2. The Clear Creek County Office of Emergency Management is authorized to submit this Resolution and related documents to the CDHSEM and FEMA, Region VII, officials to enable the Plan's final approval.

Section 3. Should any one or more sections or provisions of this Resolution or of the Manual provisions adopted hereby be judicially determined invalid or unenforceable, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Resolution or the Manual, the intention being that the various sections and provisions are severable.

Section 4. Any and all Resolutions or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby repealed; provided, however, that the repeal of any such Resolution or part thereof shall not revive any other section or part of any Resolution heretofore repealed or superseded.

Section 5. Effective date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 11th day of October 2022 at a regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Georgetown, Colorado.

TOWN OF GEORGETOWN



Lynette Kelsey, Police Judge

ATTEST:



Jennifer Yobski, Town Clerk



**Clear Creek County Hazard Mitigation Plan
Title page and Executive Summary
[attached]**



2022 Clear Creek County Hazard Mitigation Plan

2022-2027

March 30, 2022



1 Introduction

1.1 Executive Summary

The following jurisdictions have prepared and adopted this 2022 update of the Clear Creek County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP):

- Clear Creek County
- City of Idaho Springs
- Town of Empire
- Town of Georgetown
- Town of Silver Plume
- Clear Creek Fire Authority

The purpose of hazard mitigation is to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from disasters or hazardous events. Studies have found that hazard mitigation is extremely cost-effective, with every dollar spent on mitigation saving an average of \$6 in avoided future losses. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that HMPs be updated every five years for the jurisdictions to be eligible for federal mitigation assistance. All sections of the 2016 Clear Creek County HMP were reviewed and updated to address natural and human-caused hazards for the purpose of saving lives and reducing losses from future disasters or hazard events.

The goals and objectives of the 2022 Clear Creek County HMP are:

- Goal 1: Increase awareness of natural hazards and how to mitigate against them.
 - Objective 1.1: Provide public outreach on the hazards identified in this plan and how to mitigate against them.
 - Objective 1.2: Promote specific actions homeowners and business owners can take to reduce impact of a natural hazard.
- Goal 2: Reduce impact of natural hazards on people, property, and the environment.
 - Objective 2.1: Develop projects focused on preventing loss of life and injuries from natural hazards.
 - Objective 2.2: Protect critical infrastructure and assets to minimize loss of critical services.
 - Objective 2.3: Minimize revenue losses in the community from natural hazard impacts.
 - Objective 2.3: Protect natural resources by adopting and implementing sustainable flood-management policies, debris management programs, snow removal, tree trimming and replacement, wildfire risk reduction, or energy conservation programs.
 - Objective 2.4: Identify possible construction, renovation, retrofitting or refurbishment to protect vulnerable structures and cultural resources from the effects of natural hazards.
- Goal 3: Stimulate coordinated efforts among partners to mitigate against natural hazard impacts.
 - Objective 3.1: Integrate hazard mitigation activities into preparedness, response and recovery activities.
 - Objective 3.2: Maintain regular, coordinated efforts to implement mitigation actions.
 - Objective 3.2: Establish a regular mechanism to monitor mitigation projects.

The 2022 Clear Creek County HMP (also referred to as “Plan”) will serve as a blueprint for coordinating and implementing hazard mitigation policies, programs, and projects in Clear Creek County. It provides a list of mitigation goals and related actions that may assist the participating jurisdictions in reducing risk and preventing loss from future hazard events. The impacts of hazards can often be lessened or even avoided if appropriate actions are taken before events occur. By reducing exposure to known hazard risks,

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communities will save lives and property and minimize the social, economic, and environmental disruptions that commonly follow hazard events.

This Plan was also developed to maintain Clear Creek County's and participating jurisdictions' eligibility for federal disaster assistance, specifically the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program, as well as the Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) grant program.

Chapter 1 contains the Plan Introduction and this Executive Summary.

Chapter 2 Community Profile describes the planning area, consisting of Clear Creek County and the participating jurisdictions listed above, with updated information on demographics, social vulnerability, and changes in development. It includes an assessment of programs and policies currently in place across the County to reduce hazard impacts or that could be used to implement hazard mitigation activities, and identifies opportunities to enhance those capabilities.

Chapter 3 Planning Process describes the process followed to update the Plan. A broad range of public and private stakeholders, including agencies, local businesses, nonprofits, and other interested parties were invited to participate. Public input was sought throughout the planning process including online surveys and public review of the draft Plan.

Chapter 4 Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment identifies the natural hazards of greatest concern to the County, and describes the risk from those hazards. The information generated through the risk assessment helps communities to prioritize and focus their efforts on those hazards of greatest concern and those assets or areas facing the greatest risk(s). The best available information on the impacts of changing weather conditions was taken into account for each hazard. The hazards profiled in the 2022 Plan are listed in Table 1-1, and their assessed significance are summarized in Table 1-2 below.

Table 1-1: Hazard Risk Rankings

Hazard	Overall Risk Rating
Wildfire	High
Winter Storm	High
Flood	High
Severe Wind, Hail, & Lightning	Medium
Drought	Medium
Landslide, Mud/Debris Flow, and Rockfall	Medium
Avalanche	Medium
Dam Incident	Medium
Earthquake	Low
Erosion and Deposition, Expansive Soil, and Subsidence	Low
Extreme Heat	Low
Tornado	Low
Space Weather	Low

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