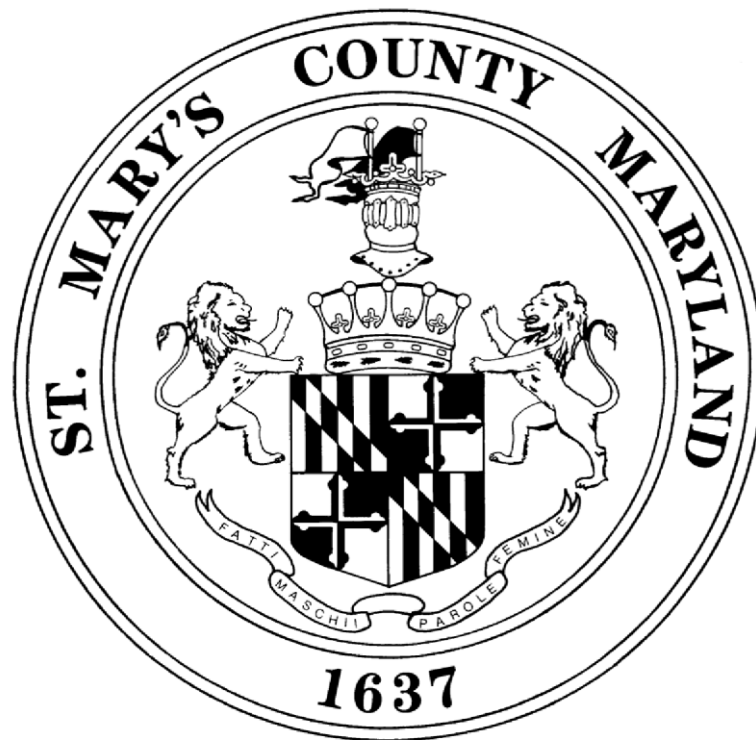


St. Mary's County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee



2022 Annual Report

ST. MARY’S COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires state and local governments to prepare and adopt hazard mitigation plans as a condition for receiving Pre- Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) assistance. St. Mary’s Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted in 2006, updated in 2011 and 2017 – Resolution No. 2006-35.

The Committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County by addressing all matters related to planning and mitigation due to natural hazards, community outreach, coordination of resources and agencies, and any other issues relating to hazard mitigation that the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County deem appropriate.

The membership of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee consists of ten (10) members.

| Current Members | Representing |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Gerald Gardiner | Emergency Services |
| Tony Wheatly | Town of Leonardtown |
| Bill Hunt | Land Use and Grow Management |
| James Gotch | DPW&T |
| Ed Hogan | METCOM |
| Frederick Wyant | SMCPS |
| Eric Benson | Information Tech. |
| Philip Burch | MDOT – Leonardtown |
| Stephen Walker | Emergency Services |
| Vince Whittles | Business Owner in St. Mary’s County |

Meetings

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee has quarterly meetings. The Committee had three meetings in 2022. There were also many sub meeting to provide input in the proposed Hazard Mitigation Plan that is being updated for approval from, Maryland Department of Emergency Management, FEMA and the Commissioners of St. Mary’s County.

Elections

Election for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary positions were held on May 18, 2022. Gerald Gardiner was elected Chairperson; Ed Hogan was elected Vice-Chair.

Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Hazard Mitigation plan was approved by FEMA on November 21, 2017. Per requirement, the plan must be updated every five years. Emergency Services and Committee have been working extensively on updating our current plan. There has been many sub-meeting with partners to discuss, update and provide information. The plan was completed and submitted to the Maryland Emergency Management Agency and FEMA in December 2022. FEMA has until February 2, 2023, to have any comments back to us.