

St. Mary's County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee

2023 Annual Report



**ST. MARY’S COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE
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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
Jessica Andritz	Land Use and Grow Management
James Gotch	DPW&T
Ed Hogan	METCOM
Charles Eible	SMCPS
Eric Benson	Information Tech.
Philip Burch	MDOT – Leonardtown
Amy Bledsoe	Emergency Services
Vince Whittles	Business Owner in St. Mary’s County

Meetings

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee has quarterly meetings. The Committee did not meet in 2023.

Elections

There were no elections in 2023.

Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Hazard Mitigation plan was approved by FEMA on March 13, 2023. The plan was adopted by the St. Mary’s County Commissioners on March 21, 2023. Per requirement, the plan must be updated every five years. The current plan expires on March 12, 2028.