



Sponsor:
Mayor S. Lobdell

RESOLUTION
2026-009

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE NEW CASTLE COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL-HAZARD
MITIGATION PLAN 2026 UPDATE**

WHEREAS, The Town of Townsend, New Castle County, and the State of Delaware, like other jurisdictions in the Mid-Atlantic region, are vulnerable to hurricanes, flooding, severe storms, extreme heat, winter storms, drought, and other natural and technological hazards that may cause significant loss of life, property damage, economic hardship, and disruption to essential services; and

WHEREAS, past hazard events have caused property damage, economic loss, and threats to public health and safety within New Castle County and its municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Stafford Act was amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, Section 322 (DMA 2000) (Public Law 106-390), which provides approaches to mitigation planning and emphasizes the need for state, local, and tribal entities to closely coordinate mitigation planning and implementation efforts as outlined in 44 CFR Part 201; and

WHEREAS, New Castle County, through the Office of Emergency Management, in coordination with participating municipalities, state agencies, and other stakeholders, has completed an update to the New Castle County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan (2026 Update) for submission to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, the planning process included public outreach, risk assessment, vulnerability analysis, and the development of mitigation strategies to reduce long-term risk to people and property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Townsend participated in the planning process and provided input regarding local hazards, vulnerabilities, and mitigation actions; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan is required for the Town of Townsend to maintain eligibility for certain federal pre- and post-disaster mitigation funding programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of Town of Townsend hereby adopts the New Castle County Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2026 Update.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

1. The Town of Townsend agrees to use the adopted plan to guide pre- and post-disaster mitigation activities, including project identification, prioritization, and implementation.

2. The Town of Townsend will coordinate mitigation strategies and actions with New Castle County and other participating jurisdictions where appropriate.

3. The Town of Townsend will incorporate hazard mitigation principles into local planning mechanisms, including but not limited to comprehensive plans, capital improvement planning, and emergency management activities.

4. The Town of Townsend will continue to participate in the plan maintenance process, including monitoring progress and providing updates as needed.

5. If this resolution is adopted prior to final FEMA approval, it shall remain in effect and apply to the plan upon FEMA approval, including any minor revisions required by FEMA.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Townsend to be affixed this 2nd day of September 2026.

Passed and Approved this 2nd day of September 2026.

TOWN OF TOWNSEND



Scott Lobdell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Julie Goodyear, Town Manager

Vote of Council	Yea	Na	Abs
Mayor Lobdell	✓		
CM J. Bangura	✓		
CM M. Chapman	✓		
CM D. Wiggins	✓		
CM S. Sharif	✓		