



CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: President Michael Colón

From: J. William Reynolds, Mayor
Michael C. Reich, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator

RE: Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Date: February 10, 2025

Please find attached a resolution adopting the Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires the development and submission of such a plan to the President of the United States for approval and that the approved plan be adopted as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster hazard mitigation grant program funds.

Therefore, we are requesting that the attached resolution be placed on the February 18, 2025, Council agenda.

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J. William Reynolds
Mayor

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Reich".

Michael C. Reich
Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator

cc: City Council
Eric Evans
Chief Kott

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-_____

**Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Municipal Adoption Resolution**

City of Bethlehem

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem, located in the Counties of Lehigh and Northampton, Pennsylvania is most vulnerable to natural and non-natural hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires State and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by Lehigh County Emergency Services and the Northampton County Emergency Management Services in cooperation with other county departments, and officials and citizens of the City of Bethlehem, and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by natural hazards that face the County and its municipal governments,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem:

- The Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the City of Bethlehem, and
- The respective officials and agencies of the City of Bethlehem identified in the implementation strategy of the Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

Sponsored by _____

ADOPTED by Council this day of , 2025.

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk