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September 15, 2021

Honorable Travis Turner
Chairman
White County Board of Commissioners
1235 Helen Highway
Cleveland, Georgia 30528

Dear Commissioner Turner,

I am pleased to inform you that the White County Hazard Mitigation Plan has been federally approved for a period of five (5) years, to September 9, 2026. With this approval, White County is an eligible applicant for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs made available through the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS).

We commend White County for the development of a solid and workable mitigation plan that will guide hazard mitigation activities over the coming years. The White County Hazard Mitigation Plan established a firm foundation to pursue many valuable and needed mitigation projects that have been identified by White County. Implementation of these projects will ultimately make your community a safer place to live and sustainable even through times of disaster.

I strongly encourage the White County Hazard Mitigation planning team to perform an annual review and assessment of the effectiveness of the mitigation plan and provide a report on any updates or changes made to the plan. This report should be coordinated through your White County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director who will take care of the updates to be submitted to GEMA/HS.

If you would like more information on the HMA grant application process, please contact Valery Lancaster, Risk Reduction Specialist, at (470) 225-3820.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John V. Krolikowski".

John V. "Jack" Krolikowski
Hazard Mitigation Deputy Manager

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Enclosure

cc: David Murphy, Director

White County Emergency Management Agency

Don Strength, Area Coordinator

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FEMA

September 10, 2021

Mr. Stephen Clark
Hazard Mitigation Manager
Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency
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Atlanta, GA 30316-0055

Reference: Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan: White County

Dear Mr. Clark:

We are pleased to inform you the White County Hazard Mitigation Plan update is in compliance with the Federal hazard mitigation planning requirements resulting from the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as contained in 44 CFR 201.6. Effective September 10, 2021, the plan is approved for a period of five (5) years to September 9, 2026.

This plan approval extends to the following participating jurisdiction that provided a copy of their resolution adopting the plan:

- White County, Unincorporated

The approved participating jurisdiction is hereby an eligible applicant through the State for the following mitigation grant programs administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participation is required for some programs.

We commend the participants in the White County Hazard Mitigation Plan for the development of a solid, workable plan that will guide hazard mitigation activities over the coming years. Please note that all requests for funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the program under which the application is submitted. For example, a specific mitigation activity or project identified in the plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, and even eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under any of the programs.

We strongly encourage each community to perform an annual review and assessment of the effectiveness of their hazard mitigation plan; however, a formal plan update is required at least every five (5) years. We also encourage each community to conduct a plan update process within one (1) year of being included in a Presidential Disaster Declaration or of the adoption of major modifications to their local Comprehensive Land Use Plan or other plans that affect hazard mitigation or land use and development. When you prepare

a comprehensive plan update, it must be resubmitted through the State as a "plan update" and is subject to a formal review and approval process by our office. If the plan is not updated prior to the required five (5) year updates, please ensure that the draft update is submitted at least six (6) months prior to expiration of this plan.

The State and the participants in the White County Hazard Mitigation Plan should be commended for their close coordination and communications with our office in the review and subsequent approval of the plan. If you or White County any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Stephen Juszczak, of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch, at (229) 225-4636, or Lillian Huffman, of my staff, at (770) 220-5322.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristen M. Martinenza". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kristen M. Martinenza, P.E., CFM
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