

# **FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA**

## **2015 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**



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## **PREFACE**

### **Mitigation Vision for the Future**

Emergency Managers succeed and fail by how well they follow the following fundamental principles of emergency management, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. Purposefully, our emergency management forefathers put the word mitigation first as a means to prevent or minimize the effects of disasters.

Mitigation forms or should form the very foundation of every emergency management agency. The prevention of disasters in communities and emergency management agencies that adopt mitigation practices in an effort to reduce, minimize, or eliminate hazards in their community have found the vision for the future of emergency management. The Federal Mitigation Act of 2000 has set the benchmark and outlines the criteria for communities with the vision to implement hazard mitigation practices in their communities.

The governments of Fayette County, Peachtree City, Fayetteville, Tyrone, Brooks, and Woolsey realize the benefits achieved by the development and implementation of mitigation plans and strategies in our community. Fayette County elected officials, public safety organizations, planners, and many others have proved that by working together towards the development and implementation of this plan that they have the vision to implement mitigation practices therefore reducing the loss of life and property in their communities.

Fayette County, as a result of the development and implementation of the Mitigation Plan dated 2010, has made significant progress toward hardening our community from the effects of both man-made and natural disasters. Municipal governments have wholeheartedly adopted the plan and it has formed the baseline of mitigation activities throughout the community and serves as a benchmark for future possibilities. Among the successes of the 2015 plan are increased warning capabilities, the construction of a new emergency operation center, flood plain map and drainage improvements. Among the many success that we have had since our last plan standouts were the construction of a state of the art emergency operations center that was identified in the 2010 plan. Its completion marks a proud day for the emergency management community in Fayette County and was accomplished through a federal grant that required us to have a current hazard mitigation plan. Also, the creation of a storm water utility that will hopefully address the repair and improvement of some infrastructure as it relates to mitigation projects. Finally, a faith based disaster network that assists during disasters and are a part of this plan update.