



**BALDWIN** COUNTY,  
ALABAMA  
*Building Department*

March 10, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

Below is the annual progress report for the Baldwin County Floodplain Management Plan and Hazard Mitigation Plan. This report was prepared as part of our CRS recertification. The recertification specifies that your office receives a copy of this report. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mrs. Flowers:

Regarding Section 510 of the Community Rating System (CRS) Annual Recertification, the following is a progress report of the strategic planning approach utilized for the Baldwin County Mitigation Planning:

- The Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) continues to educate and inform the public about the risks of floods and flooding and the techniques available to reduce threats to life and property.
- The EMA utilizes a robust education outreach program designed to reach the diverse population in Baldwin County, using a "whole community" approach to both education and outreach programs and planning activities and projects. The outreach materials include flood hazard and mitigation information and discussions with the public.
- The EMA actively pursues outreach events to reach the diverse population in Baldwin County, including the many tourists that visit our beaches. The EMA provides assets to outside public safety agencies during festivals to assist with safety and coordination.
- The EMA annually reviews the Baldwin County Threat and Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment (THIRA). This year THIRA will be updated to include discoveries from the previous three years. The process for the revision includes partner, stakeholder, multi-discipline, and multi-jurisdiction review and input to support the mitigation of potential risks and hazards in Baldwin County. This is done in compliance with FEMA's Comprehensive Preparedness Guide 201, version 3, May 2018 which is the most current version available from FEMA. The THIRA will be maintained according to this guidance as well.
- The Baldwin County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (HMPC) is maintaining the current Baldwin County Hazard Mitigation Plan which is required by FEMA to be revised every five (5) years. The current plan expires August 11, 2026. The HMPC has already commenced the planning process and work schedule for the August 2026 update. The Baldwin County Hazard Mitigation Plan can be accessed on the Baldwin County EMA's page of the Baldwin County Commission's Website [here](#). The HMPC is aiming for the draft to be adopted by the Baldwin County Commission by December 2025 and submitted to FEMA for review in January 2026.
- Baldwin County, through its Building Official/Floodplain Administrator, Planning & Zoning Department, Highway Department, Citizen Service Department, and Emergency Management Agency is updating the Baldwin County Flood Hazard Management Plan.
  - o A FY 2016 Flood Mitigation Assistance planning grant, managed by EMA staff

was used to fund the plan revision.

- o This plan was adopted by the Baldwin County Commission, reviewed by the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, and approved by FEMA.
- o However, due to a series of key personnel changes, the plan renewal exceeded the expiration date of May 21, 2024.
- o The Flood Hazard/Floodplain Management Planning Committee successfully had the plan adopted by the Baldwin County Commission on March 5, 2025, prior to the 2025 CRS site visit.
- o The draft plan was available for public review two weeks prior to adoption, and no public comments were received.
- o Since the plan's adoption, it has been sent to FEMA for review.
- o The plan integrates with the Baldwin County Hazard Mitigation-Plan/ Southwest Alabama Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan: Phase II.

Please contact me by phone (251-972-8510) or email ([Danon.Smith@baldwincountyal.gov](mailto:Danon.Smith@baldwincountyal.gov)) if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



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