

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05-18A**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGARET CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE DIVISION  
"G" MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.**

**WHEREAS** the City of Margaret City Council recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the City of Margaret; and

**WHEREAS** the St Clair County Emergency Management Agency has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as Division "G" Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Darn Safety Program Act, as amended; and

**WHEREAS** Division "G" Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the City of Margaret from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

**WHEREAS** adoption by the City of Margaret demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Division "G" Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MARGARET, AL THAT:**

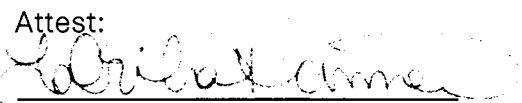
**Section 1.** In accordance with the rules and procedures set forth by the City of Margaret City Council and the state of Alabama, the City of Margaret City Council adopts the Division "G" Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. While content related to the City of Margaret may require revisions to meet the plan approval requirements, changes occurring after adoption will not require the City of Margaret to re-adopt any further iterations of the plan. Subsequent plan updates following the approval period for this plan will require separate adoption resolutions.

**Section 2.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.



Matt Tortorice, Mayor

Attest:  


Tabitha Hanner, City Clerk

<b>City of Margaret's Mitigation Actions</b>	
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Seek a county update of all FIRMs in digital format, with an emphasis on detailed studies of developed and developing areas with elevations provided and floodways delineated.
<b>Goal</b>	#1
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	Floods/Flash Floods
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	County Engineer; Flood Plain Manager
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	Completed
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	FEMA Map Update Program
<b>Priority/Status</b>	Completed  A risk map project has been done recently, and preliminary maps are available in the FEMA map service center.
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Enact a flood hazard prevention ordinance and establish Margaret as regular members of the NFIP.
<b>Goal</b>	#1
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	Flood/Flash Floods
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	Flood Plain Manager
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	Completed
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	
<b>Priority/Status</b>	Completed  Margaret is a member of the NFIP and has a flood prevention ordinance.
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Consider the adoption of a uniform storm water management ordinance that maintains predevelopment runoff rates.
<b>Goal</b>	#1
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	Floods/Flash Floods
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	County Engineer
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2030
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	HMGP; ADECA
<b>Priority/Status</b>	High, Ongoing  No action has been taken during the past five years on this item, but the ordinance is under in consideration currently.

<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Make application and/or commit to participate in the NFIP.
<b>Goal</b>	#1
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	Floods/Flash Floods
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	Flood Plain Manager
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	Completed
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	HMGP; ADECA; Local
<b>Priority/Status</b>	High, Completed  The City of Margaret is a member of the NFIP and will continue to participate.
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Evaluate building code standards for roof construction to assure protection against wind damage from hurricanes, tornadoes, and windstorms; require installation of hurricane clips.
<b>Goal</b>	#1
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Thunderstorms
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	County Engineer
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2030
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	Local
<b>Priority/Status</b>	High, Ongoing  This occurs as new development is approved within the city limits. Building code standards are reviewed on a regular basis.
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Promote good construction practices and proper code enforcement to eliminate most structural problems during natural hazard events.
<b>Goal</b>	#2
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	All
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	Local Government
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2030
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	Local
<b>Priority/Status</b>	High, Ongoing  The city actively encourages good construction practices and proper code enforcement.

<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Seek funding sources, such as Community Development Block Grant Funds, to assist low-income homeowners with building retrofits to protect against flood damages.
<b>Goal</b>	#2
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	Floods/Flash Floods
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	Flood Plain Manager
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2030
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	CDBG; ADECA; Local
<b>Priority/Status</b>	Medium, Ongoing  This occurs if grants are sought, depending on whether they are awarded.
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Promote the purchase of insurance coverage by property owners and renters for flooding, sinkhole, and earthquake damages in high-risk areas.
<b>Type</b>	Public Education and Awareness
<b>Goal</b>	#6
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	Floods/Flash Floods, Earthquakes, Sinkholes
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	Flood Plain Manager; EMA
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2030
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	Local
<b>Priority/Status</b>	High, Ongoing  The county has posted information on their Facebook page and in Public Information presentations.
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Encourage the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) to require flood plain location disclosure as a condition for each real estate listing.
<b>Goal</b>	#6
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	Floods/Flash Floods
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	Local Government
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2030
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	HMGP; Local
<b>Priority/Status</b>	High, Ongoing  This is done through advocacy with real estate professionals and elected officials.

<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Distribute FEMA Publication 320 – Taking Shelter from the Storm: Building a Safe Room in your House – through building permit and inspection offices.
<b>Goal</b>	#6
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	Tornadoes, Thunderstorms, Hail
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	EMA
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2030
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	HMGP; Local
<b>Priority/Status</b>	Low, Ongoing  The City Clerk, Public Works Manager, and Building Inspector have and will continue distributing FEMA publications.
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Publicize the availability of FIRM information to real estate agents, builders, developers, and homeowners through local trade publications and newspaper announcements.
<b>Goal</b>	#6
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	Floods/Flash Floods
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	EMA
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2030
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	HMGP; Local
<b>Priority/Status</b>	Medium, Ongoing  This occurs on an ongoing basis through advocacy and public education and outreach.
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Continue the active programs and activities of the St. Clair County EMA to promote mitigation and severe weather awareness.
<b>Goal</b>	#6
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	All
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	EMA
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2030
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	HMGP; Local

<b>Priority/Status</b>	High, Ongoing  St. Clair County has distributed public information materials that include brochures; school videos; newspaper ads; radio ads; football program ads; and stadium fence sign ads. In addition: newspaper articles concerning the safety and well-being of county residents, especially weather safety and weather events have been printed. Additionally, the EMA utilizes Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor, and X postings to disseminate emergency and preparedness and other safety information.
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<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Obtain free publications from FEMA, NWS.USGS, and other federal and state agencies and deposit these materials with local libraries.
<b>Goal</b>	#6
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	All
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	EMA
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2030
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	Local
<b>Priority/Status</b>	Medium, Ongoing  This is accomplished through the EMA. The EMA has obtained educational coloring books and disseminates them as opportunities arise at public events and presentations.

<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Maintain local library repositories with the latest available publications.
<b>Goal</b>	#6
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	All
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	EMA
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2030
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	Local
<b>Priority/Status</b>	Low, Ongoing  Per coordination with each library, items are made available to the public.

<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Distribute hazard mitigation brochures to area schools for distribution to students.
<b>Goal</b>	#6
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	All
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	EMA
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2030
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	Local
<b>Priority/Status</b>	Medium, Ongoing  St. Clair County EMA provided this action response. Brochures in the form of coloring books were distributed to schools.
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Promote the use of weather radios in households and businesses.
<b>Goal</b>	#6
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	ALL
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	EMA; Flood Plain Manager
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2025
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	HMGP; Local

<b>Priority/Status</b>	High, Ongoing  The EMA strongly promotes the use of weather alert radios through public presentations, social media and other public forums. The St Clair County Commission funds the purchase annually of some weather radios to be distributed, free of charge, to St Clair County residents.
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Support the Alabama Skywarn Foundation efforts to distribute weather radios to low-income households, especially in rural areas outside of siren coverage areas.
<b>Goal</b>	#5
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	All
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	EMA
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2030
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	HMGP; ADECA; Local
<b>Priority/Status</b>	High, Ongoing  The EMA is not aware of any weather alert radios being distributed in St. Clair County by the Alabama Skywarn Foundation; however, the St. Clair County EMA distributes a limited supply of weather radios annually, on a first come, first serve basis to residents of the county.

<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Purchase emergency generators for post-disaster mitigation and conduct routine tests on backup generators for all critical facilities.
<b>Goal</b>	#5
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	All
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	EMA
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	One year from funding availability
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	\$5,000 - \$15,000 each
<b>Funding Sources</b>	Local; HMGP; ADECA

<b>Priority/Status</b>	High, Ongoing  The Margaret Fire and Rescue Station #1 currently has a backup generator in place that is tested and inspected periodically to ensure reliability. The city itself possesses several emergency generators that are in place for a post disaster mitigation event.
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Encourage the construction of safe rooms within new public buildings, such as new schools, libraries, community centers, and other public buildings where feasible.
<b>Goal</b>	#4
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	Tornadoes, Thunderstorms, Hail
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	EMA; Local Governments
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2030
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	HMGP; ADECA
<b>Priority/Status</b>	High, Ongoing  Margaret has installed a community safe room.
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Prepare and implement standard operating procedures for drainage system maintenance.
<b>Goal</b>	#4
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	Floods/Flash Floods
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	County Engineer
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2030
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>	Local
<b>Priority/Status</b>	High, Ongoing  This is accomplished in coordination with the county.
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Continue program to subsidize safe room construction in existing homes.
<b>Goal</b>	#4
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	Tornadoes, Thunderstorms, Hail
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	EMA
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2030

<b>Estimated Cost</b>	\$5,000-\$10,000 each
<b>Funding Sources</b>	HMGP; ADECA
<b>Priority/Status</b>	Individual storm shelters are highly encouraged, but there is currently no funding mechanism to subsidize them at this time.
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Construct freestanding public community safe rooms in vulnerable locations.
<b>Goal</b>	#4
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	Tornadoes, Thunderstorms, Hail
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	EMA
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	2020
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	\$150,000 each
<b>Funding Sources</b>	HMGP; ADECA
<b>Priority/Status</b>	No longer relevant.  Margaret installed a community safe room.
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Encourage the construction of safe rooms in new and existing construction.
<b>Goal</b>	#4
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	Tornadoes, Thunderstorms, Hail
<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	EMA
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	Ongoing
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	\$5,000-\$10,000
<b>Funding Sources</b>	HMGP; ADECA
<b>Priority/Status</b>	Margaret actively encourages the addition of a safe room in any new construction project within the city.
<b>Mitigation Action</b>	Continue to provide adequate safe rooms and community shelters.
<b>Goal</b>	#4
<b>Hazard(s) Addressed</b>	Tornadoes, Thunderstorms, Hail

<b>Local Planning Mechanism</b>	Local Government; EMA
<b>Estimated Time Frame for Completion</b>	Completed
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	\$5,000 - \$150,000 each
<b>Funding Sources</b>	HMGP; ADECA, Local
<b>Priority/Status</b>	Margaret has a community shelter for residents.