

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 9, 2018

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Ryan T. Ashe, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: Adoption of Debris Management Annex to Emergency Operations Plan

During Fiscal Year 2018, the Fire Department's Emergency Management Division applied for grant funding in order to facilitate the development of additions to the County's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). Subsequently, the County was awarded grant funding for that purpose through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management's Local Emergency Management Performance Grant program. Emergency Management and Purchasing staff then worked through a Request for Proposals process in order to select qualified consultants to draft the additional plans and selected Waldroup-Sommer, LLC. Their scope of work included the development of a Debris Management Plan as an annex to the County's existing EOP.

The proposed Debris Management Plan outlines specific mechanisms for removing various types of natural and man-made debris from roadways and waterways following a severe weather event or other natural disaster. The plan involves the use of contractors, but is coordinated by the James City County General Services Department. The draft plan has been vetted by Fire, Emergency Management and General Services staff. In addition, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has reviewed the plan and has certified that it meets the recommended requirements for debris management. The existence of a properly formulated debris management plan may also qualify the County for increased reimbursements for debris removal during declared disasters. The proposed plan now requires the Board of Supervisors adoption in order to formally become part of the County's Emergency Operations Plan.

Staff recommends adoption of the attached resolution formally adding the Debris Management Plan as an annex to the County's Emergency Operations Plan.

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Attachment