

PROMULGATION STATEMENT

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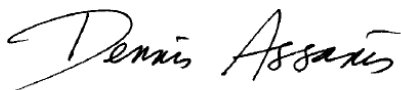
Acceptance and Adoption from the President

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“DMA 2000”) was enacted by the United States Congress. The Act requires local communities to develop and implement mitigation plans to identify and prioritize natural and man-made hazards and to develop strategies to reduce the impact of hazards when they occur. Section 322 of DMA 2000 emphasizes the need for state and local entities to closely coordinate mitigation planning and makes the development of a hazard mitigation plan a specific eligibility requirement for any local government applying for Federal mitigation grant funds. Communities with an adopted and federally approved hazard mitigation plan thereby become pre-positioned and more apt to receive available mitigation funds before and after a disaster takes place.

Disasters cause the loss of countless lives, personal injuries, and billions of dollars in property damage. The Mid-Atlantic region has experienced numerous tragedies related to disaster events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, and, most recently, the COVID-19 pandemic. The ***2020 University of Delaware Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for New Castle County, Delaware*** (hereinafter referred to as the “Hazard Mitigation Plan” or “Plan”) is a logical step toward incorporating hazard mitigation principles and practices into the routine campus activities and functions of the University. At its most inner core, the Plan recommends specific actions to combat the forces of nature and/or human-caused threats. It also protects residents from losses to those hazards that pose the greatest risk. Mitigation actions go beyond simply recommending structural solutions to reduce existing vulnerability, such as elevation, retrofitting and acquisition projects. The Plan is designed to be a living document, with implementation and evaluation procedures included to help achieve meaningful objectives and successful outcomes.

The 2020 Plan included a review and revision of the 2015 Plan and continued the University’s practice of working closely with our federal, state, and local partners.

The 2020 Plan is therefore adopted.



President Dennis Assanis

May 25, 2021

Date

Attachment: The ***2020 University of Delaware Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for New Castle County, Delaware***