

# PROMULGATION STATEMENT

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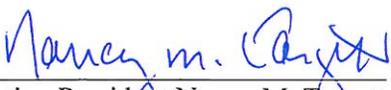
## *Acceptance and Adoption from the President*

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.

In the past ten years, disasters have caused the loss of countless lives, personal injuries and more than \$225 billion dollars in property damage. The ***2015 All-Hazards 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 2015 Plan included a review and revision of the 2011 Plan and continued the University’s practice of working closely with our federal, state and local partners. The University joined the New Castle County Office of Emergency Management in ensuring University planning was done in partnership with the development of the New Castle County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan. This Plan was completed in 2015 in coordination with FEMA, the Delaware Emergency Management Agency and New Castle County to ensure that it meets all applicable DMA 2000 planning requirements.

The 2015 Plan is therefore adopted on this 12th day of November in the year 2015.

  
Acting President Nancy M. Targett

  
Date

Attachment: The ***2015 All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update for New Castle County, Delaware*** (includes municipalities and the University of Delaware)