

Appendix I: Lumbee Incorporation

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE
BLADEN, COLUMBUS, ROBESON
REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS: The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina is vulnerable to an array of natural hazards that can cause loss of life and damages to public and private property; and

WHEREAS: The Tribe desires to seek ways to mitigate situations that may aggravate such circumstances; and

WHEREAS: The Tribe desires to present an application to the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities FY 2020 program (BRIC); and

WHEREAS: North Carolina Emergency Management's Hazard Mitigation Section and The Region IV Office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency have reviewed the currently adopted Bladen, Columbus, Robeson Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for compliance with BRIC program requirements and recommended amendments to the plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council, Lumbee Tribe of NC hereby:

1. Requested and received approval from Bladen County, Columbus County and Robeson County, NC approval to join the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan by adoption;
2. Concurs with the Hazard Identification shown in Section 4 of the Plan and with the Hazard Profiles shown in Section 5 of the Plan; The Lumbee Tribe's hazards are consistent with those shown for Robeson County at-large.
3. Affirms that the Risk Assessment in the Bladen, Columbus, Robeson Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan approved October 7, 2020 adequately and accurately represents the natural hazard risks with a potential for impact on Tribal members, property and resources;
4. Concurs with and adopts the Mitigation Strategy outlined in Section 8-1 of the plan;
5. Concurs with and adopts the Mitigation Measures established for Robeson County;
6. Adds additional detail to mitigation measure to R-19, page 940, to wit:
Conduct snagging and sediment removal on Little Juniper Branch and Gum Swamp Branch.
7. Agrees to incorporate the salient points of this amendment into the next update of the Bladen, Columbus, Robeson Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan;
8. **HEREBY ADOPTS THE BLADEN, COLUMBUS, ROBESON REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.**
9. Adds APPENDIX H to the Bladen, Columbus, Robeson Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan to meet the Tribal planning requirement of 44 CFR 201.7 (2)(ii)(D), a listing of cultural and sacred sites that are significant, even if they cannot be valued in monetary terms.

Adopted on December 11, 2020

ATTEST (Seal)

ESTABLISHED
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Harvey Godwin Jr.
Tribal Chairman



FEMA

December 14, 2020

Mr. Steve McGugan
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Assistant Director / Mitigation Section Chief
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Reference: Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan: Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional

Dear Mr. McGugan:

This is a follow-up to our previous correspondence of October 7, 2020 in which we approved the Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and all the participating communities that submitted their resolutions at the time of plan approval. We have recently received from your office a recommendation that Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, a single jurisdiction, be permitted to join the Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which expires October 6, 2025. The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina has reviewed the Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and has found it to be consistent with the natural hazards that impacts the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional has indicated its approval of this request by executing a letter of concurrence for Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina to join the Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. A resolution from Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina requesting that its documentation including mitigation strategies be adopted as an amendment to the Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was also received by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). We have subsequently approved Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina under the approved Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The approved participating community is hereby an eligible applicant through the State for the following mitigation grant programs administered by FEMA:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) participation is required for some programs.

We commend Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina for the development of a solid, workable plan amendment that will be incorporated into the Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and will guide hazard mitigation activities over the coming years. Please note that all requests for funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted. For example, a specific mitigation activity or project identified in the plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA

funding, and even eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under any of the aforementioned programs.

We strongly encourage each community to perform an annual review and assessment of the effectiveness of their hazard mitigation plan; however, a formal plan update is required at least every five (5) years. We also encourage each community to conduct a plan update process within one year of being included in a Presidential Disaster Declaration or of the adoption of major modifications to their local Comprehensive Land Use Plan or other plans that affect hazard mitigation or land use and development.

When you prepare a comprehensive plan update, it must be resubmitted through the State as a “plan update” and is subject to a formal review and approval process by our office. If the Plan is not updated prior to the required five (5) year update, please ensure that the Draft update is submitted at least six (6) months prior to expiration of this plan approval.

If you or the participants in the Bladen Columbus Robeson Regional Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan have any further questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Celicia A. Davis, of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch, at (770) 220-5253, Dontrey L. Garnett, of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch, at (770) 220-3145 or Edwardine S. Marrone, of my staff, at (404) 433-3968.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristen M. Martinenza". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'K'.

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