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**Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved by FEMA**

**WOODBINE, Ga. – August 11, 2021** – Camden County and the Cities of Kingsland, St. Marys, and Woodbine are better prepared for disasters with the recent approval of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. As a long-term strategy to reduce the community’s vulnerability to natural disasters, the plan identifies hazards and potential hazards in Camden County and creates a framework to help community officials make decisions that may ultimately protect lives and property.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reviews and approves state, tribal and local hazard mitigation plans, which are required as a condition for states and communities to receive certain types of disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects. State mitigation plans must be approved every five years, and local and tribal mitigation plans must be approved at least once every five years.

History shows that the physical, financial, and emotional losses caused by disasters can be reduced significantly through hazard mitigation planning. The planning process encourages communities to integrate mitigation with day-to-day decision making regarding land-use planning, floodplain management, site design and other activities.

“The Camden County, Georgia Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan will serve as a cornerstone in our continued efforts to build a *resilient community*,” stated Emergency Management Director Chuck White. “We are proud of the work with our local governments and other valued partners to create this plan.”

**About Camden County:** Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is “Georgia’s Coastal Community of Choice.” Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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