

Appendix D: Town of Hillsborough Community Capability Assessment

**TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH
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Policies, Practices, Programs, Regulations and Activities (Existing and potential)	Document Reference (Include page numbers or Other Source)	Effectiveness for Mitigation High/Medium/Low/Not Effective)	<u>Rationale for Effectiveness</u>
The Town of Hillsborough currently ensures the enforcement of all policies, programs and ordinances. Through various departments and assistance from the County, the town implements its strategies of mitigation. Overall, the Town of Hillsborough had established effective hazard mitigation policies that are consistent with the County’s overall floodplain policies.			
<i>Hillsborough Zoning Ordinance</i>			
<i>Stream Buffer requirements</i>	Section 7.11	High	<u>Limits or disallows construction within flood hazard areas</u>
<i>Watershed protection Standards</i>	Section 10	High	
<i>Underground Utility requirements</i>	Section 5.21	Low	<u>Limits exposure of new development areas to loss of service</u>
<i>Conditional Use Permits for transmission lines & towers</i>	Section 4.33&37	Low	<u>Impacts locations of potentially hazardous uses</u>
<i>Hillsborough Subdivision Regulations</i>			
<i>Tree preservation, buffering, and stormwater</i>	Section 4.7&8	Medium	
<i>Underground Utility requirements</i>	Section 4.5	Low	<u>Limits exposure of new development areas to loss of service</u>
<i>Cluster development provisions</i>	Section 4.9	Medium	<u>Provides design flexibility to protect sensitive areas</u>
<i>Hillsborough Vision 2010 revised Plan</i>			
Create a preservation plan including an inventory of open spaces, historic resources, and other areas for	Page 6	Medium	<u>Document and prioritize</u>

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acquisition and protection			<u>important preservation areas</u>
Encourage preservation of sensitive and aesthetically significant open land through public acquisition, <u>conservation easements</u> , and other devices	Page 7	Low	<u>Limit exposure of new development to hazards/ Education</u>
Adopt regulations of the Upper Neuse Basin Management Study to allow for local enforcement and protection of water quality	Page 7	Medium	<u>Strengthens state implementation</u>
Strengthen the floodplain ordinance to go beyond the minimum requirements and prohibit development within floodplains	Page 7	High	<u>Limits or disallows construction within flood hazard areas</u>
Create emergency/disaster response plan to address natural disasters and other situations	Page 8	High	<u>Education</u>
<i>Hillsborough Floodplain Ordinance</i>	Entire	High	<u>Includes state mandated minimum standards for floodplain development</u>
<i>Soil and Erosion Control</i> The Town of Hillsborough has an agreement with Orange County to provide Soil and Erosion Control review, inspection and enforcement within the town.		Medium	<u>Supports floodplain protection and soil stabilization</u>