**Baltimore LHMP 2023-2028**

**Review of Baltimore Town Plan (Adopted 2016, Amended 2018)**

Recommendations Related to Hazard Mitigation

* Develop and implement a stormwater management plan. Some of the possible implementation strategies include completing an inventory of municipal roads and their connections to surface waters, upgrading ditches, ensuring roads are correctly crowned, and upgrading culverts.
* Have the road commissioner identify road sections, bridges, and culverts that need maintenance or replacement.
* Structural deficiencies in transportation infrastructure should be addressed as soon as possible.
* Seek funding sources to improve the emergency preparedness conditions of the roads.
* Request hydraulic studies, estimate costs, and seek funding for the replacement of all undersized culverts.
* Maintain enrollment in the National Flood Insurance Program.
* Protect existing water resources and wetlands from contamination or disruption from development.
* Ensure that streams, brooks, and watercourses are maintained in a natural state
* To minimize the risk of flooding, upland forests and wetlands shall be preserved and vegetated stream buffers shall be maintained
* Encourage the protection of river corridors, flood plains, wetlands and upland forest areas that attenuate and moderate flooding and erosion
* Discourage the removal of in-stream debris except as necessary to protect public safety or prevent property damage
* Encourage on-going emergency preparedness and response planning.
* Encourage property owners to review the Natural Resources map and consider flood proofing their property, implementing storm water management techniques, and/or purchasing flood insurance.