**Town of Taos Comprehensive Plan**

**Hazards Mitigation, Policies and Actions/Strategies**

**November 5, 2021 Draft**

**Goals & Policies**

**Taos is prepared for, and has taken preventative measures to mitigate, impacts of high-risk hazard events and other emergencies or crises.**

1. Conscientiously and proactively establish measures to protect the residents and resources of Taos from risk of hazards
2. Maintain and improve municipal capacity to prepare for and respond to emergencies and crises
   1. Implement defensible space measures to mitigate risk from wildfire to municipal buildings and assets wherever appropriate
      1. Working with local fire departments, inspect town facilities for the need to create defensible space
   2. Continue to ensure that town water reservoirs are appropriately protected from risks
   3. Continue enforcing town flood-zone development restrictions
   4. Continue to improve drainage systems in the town to prevent road damage and potential flooding issues
   5. Manage urban runoff to minimize ecological contamination and damage in the Gallinas River
3. Refer to hazards and emergency planning established by Taos County Office of Emergency Management including the 2018 Taos County Hazards Mitigation Plan and the 2018 Emergency Operations Plan Update
4. Continue support for the Emergency Management Plan, the Taos Pueblo Hazards Mitigation Plan, the Community Wildfire Protection Plan, 2016, and other emergency and hazards planning relevant to the town
5. Continue supporting OEM operations, services, recommendations, and coordinative efforts
6. Maintain support and collaboration with the Community Wildfire Protection Plan Agency