

# Huntingdon County 2020 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

## **Other Participation Documentation**

- Notice to Municipalities of MJHMP Update Process
- Mitigation Action Follow-Up with Municipalities

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## MEMO

**TO: MUNICIPAL SECRETARIES AND GOVERNING OFFICIALS**

**FROM: MARK A. COLUSSY, PLANNING DIRECTOR**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

**RE: MUNICIPAL ACTION ITEMS**

While there is a lot of information included in this year's annual mailing, please take time to review the enclosed items with the members of your governing bodies. The attachments enclosed include the following items:

- the County's annual recycling survey and announcements regarding the Huntingdon County Recycling Program;
- important information regarding the *Huntingdon County Solid Waste Plan Update*;
- participation notification regarding the *Huntingdon County Hazard Mitigation Plan*;
- notification that the Huntingdon County 2020 Act 13 Legacy Fund Grant Program is open for applications;
- an introduction from the County's recently-hired Community Development Administrator;
- information regarding the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program;
- notification that municipalities can submit projects to be considered for the next round of planning for the Huntingdon County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);
- our annual municipal officials survey;
- our annual land use regulations survey and importance of Act 537 Planning;
- assistance opportunities provided by the Planning and Development Department; and
- a list of recorded municipal Agricultural Security Areas (ASAs), information regarding ASAs and the importance of the Seven Year Review process.

Information regarding Planning and Development Department activities is available on our webpage at <http://www.huntingdoncounty.net/Dept/Planning/Pages/default.aspx>.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to follow us on Facebook and Twitter: <https://www.facebook.com/HuntingdonPlanning> and <https://twitter.com/PlanHuntingdon>.

If you have any questions concerning any of this information, please contact Laurie Nearhood, Secretary, at 643-5091 or [lnearhood@huntingdoncounty.net](mailto:lnearhood@huntingdoncounty.net).

Enclosures



## MEMO

TO: HUNTINGDON COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

FROM: MARK COLUSSY, PLANNING DIRECTOR  
JOE THOMPSON, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

DATE: JANUARY 31, 2020

RE: HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE AND PARTICIPATION

Huntingdon County last updated the County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2015; this updated plan will expire in April of 2020. The Multi-Jurisdictional Plan covers all 48 Huntingdon County municipalities. In a Joint Effort between the County Commissioners, Emergency Management Agency, and the Planning and Development Department, we are seeking your participation in the process. The County applied for a grant with FEMA to update the plan over a year ago, but we have yet to hear any news on the grant to date. However, due to the constrained timeframe, we have chosen to move forward anyway by hiring Michael Baker International to assist us in updating the plan. We will have to act quickly to update the plan because a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan is a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects. Hazard mitigation planning enables action to reduce loss of life and property, lessening the impact of disasters. Please see the attached fact sheet providing more information. The County will be reaching out to you, as a representative of your municipality, in the very near future about participating in the process. Our consultant will be working with us to reach out to you to get critical information about the hazards and project needs in your community. Please review the forms and consider any non-emergency disaster assistance projects that we may be able to incorporate into the plan. See the attached project sheets, one blank, and one filled out as an example. It is paramount that the plan covers your unique municipality's needs and hazards. In the meantime, please finalize designation of your municipality's official representative for the project going forward. Thank you in advance for your participation in this process! Expect to hear from us and our consultant in the near future.

## ***HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING FACT SHEET***

### ***What is Hazard Mitigation?***

Hazard mitigation is any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property resulting from natural and human-caused hazards.

### ***What is a Hazard Mitigation Plan?***

A Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is a community-driven, living document that communities and jurisdictions use to reduce their vulnerability to hazards.

### ***Why should my community have a Hazard Mitigation Plan?***

Communities must have a Plan to apply for and receive mitigation funding. These grants can augment local mitigation activities already being done. Ultimately, these actions reduce loss of life, property, essential services, critical facilities, and economic hardship and communities are able to recover more quickly from disasters.

### ***What happens if my community doesn't participate in the Plan?***

Communities that choose not to participate will not be eligible for certain types of hazard mitigation funding. This means that even if your community is included in a federally-declared disaster, you will not be eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding unless you have a FEMA-approved HMP.

### ***What does my community have to do to participate in the Plan?***

Municipal representatives are required to attend meetings, provide valuable information, and actively participate in the planning process.

### ***Hazard Mitigation Planning follows a six-step planning process:***

- 1. Organize & Build the Planning Team**
- 2. Assess Risk and Vulnerability**
- 3. Assess Capabilities**
- 4. Develop the Mitigation Strategy**
- 5. Determine Plan Maintenance Process**
- 6. Obtain Mitigation Plan Approval and Adoption**

Municipality/Organization/Agency\_\_Penn State University – University Park Campus\_\_\_\_\_

<b>Action Title: Emergency and Back up Power</b>	
<b>Assessing the Risk</b>	
Hazard(s) addressed	Utility Interruption - Loss of power
<b>Describing the Action</b>	
Background/Issue action addresses	Penn State - University Park Campus has many critical functions that rely on power. It is essential to ensure power is available to provide life safety for the students living on campus. It is also vital to ensure certain research is protected from power losses. Our security systems and communication systems also rely on a power source. The University Park Campus ensures we are able to provide appropriate shelter for our students, thus lessening the burden on the Centre Region. We also have mutual aid agreements that allow us to provide essential/critical services to the Centre Region such as sheltering and feeding, if we are able.
Action description	Penn State recognizes the importance of ensuring power for essential functions. To address this a program has been instituted that ensures for each new building or major remodel the use of the building is evaluated for essential/critical functions. Based on this review, appropriate alternate power is provided for the building or portions of the building as needed.
Action category	Structure/Infrastructure
Existing, Future, or NA	Existing/future
<b>Evaluating the Action</b>	
Losses avoided (i.e., benefits)	By providing alternate power sources for critical/essential functions the University ensure that life safety systems are maintained and the University can continue to meet its missions of education, research, and outreach. This contributes to the economic resiliency and sustainability of the University and the Centre Region.
Cost estimate	Cost is dependent upon the use of the building and critical/essential functions present.
Cost effectiveness (i.e., benefit/cost)	Providing life safety services and being able to recover and sustain the university's mission is difficult to put a number on. Penn State is generally ranked among the top universities for research dollars and our enrollment is critical to the success of the university.
Priority	High
<b>Implementing the Action</b>	
Responsible party	Office of Physical Plant
Potential Partners	Departments and Colleges at the U-Park Campus. The Centre Region for sheltering purposes.
Potential funding sources	Capital funds
Timeline	This is an ongoing practice for the University.
Integration Opportunities (if any)	This effort is integrated into the early design phase for new buildings and major remodels.
Worksheet completed by (name/title)	Pam Soule EM Planner

<b>Action Title: Springfield Road (T-333) Culvert</b>	
<b>Assessing the Risk</b>	
Hazard(s) addressed	Flood, Flash Flood, & Ice Jam
<b>Describing the Action</b>	
Background/Issue action addresses	There is an area along Springfield Road (T-333) that floods during heavy rain events. Stormwater runoff flows down agricultural fields, builds up enough to overflow Springfield Road and crosses into 172 Springfield Road where a resident's well has suffered damage twice in recent years and the home is in danger of damage. We are currently in discussions with surrounding property owners to see how this can be alleviated.
Action description	The township engineer has looked at this, and he suggests a possible way to help this would be installing a culvert under the road and laying pipe back around one or two properties.
Action category	Structural Project Implementation
Existing, future &/or NA	Current - The township is contacting owners of properties where runoff is partially originating to request their cooperation in constructing facilities to control runoff. Future – Install culvert under Springfield Road and redirect runoff
<b>Evaluating the Action</b>	
Losses avoided (i.e., benefits)	Avoid wash out of Springfield Road. Avoid damage to a residence and well.
Cost estimate	\$40,000
Cost effectiveness (i.e., benefit/cost)	Preserves public road structure and public road access worth \$100,000. Preserves value of existing \$170,000 property, so it doesn't become vacant and negatively impact surrounding home values worth in excess of \$500,000.
Priority	Intermediate
<b>Implementing the Action</b>	
Responsible party	North Newton Township
Potential Partners	None known at this time.
Potential funding sources	Municipal General Fund, any available grant monies
Timeline	Dependent upon future flood occurrences.
Integration Opportunities (if any)	None known at this time.
Worksheet completed by (name/title)	Bonnie Myers, North Newton Township Secretary

## Huntingdon County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Municipality/Organization/Agency \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this worksheet for each new mitigation action. See *Mitigation Ideas: A Resource for Reducing Risk to Natural Hazards* for sample mitigation actions to reduce risk from environmental hazards. This resource is available at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/30627>.

Action Title:	
<b>Assessing the Risk</b>	
Hazard(s) addressed	
<b>Describing the Action</b>	
Background/Issue action addresses	
Action description	
Action category	
Existing, Future, or NA	
<b>Evaluating the Action</b>	
Losses avoided (i.e., benefits)	
Cost estimate	
Cost effectiveness (i.e., benefit/cost)	
Priority	
<b>Implementing the Action</b>	
Responsible party	
Potential Partners	
Potential funding sources	
Timeline	
Integration Opportunities (if any)	
Worksheet completed by (name/title)	

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Dear Municipal Officials,

As you may be aware the County is in the process of updating its Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The County's Consultant Michael Baker International Inc., designated staff for this project are Troy Truax, AICP, Associate Vice President and Kelly Tessier, Environmental Associate I. Kelly has been in touch with you regarding her request for your municipalities New Mitigation Action and/or Mitigation Action Progress Report. As of July 9, 2020 the following municipalities highlighted in yellow below have not provided one or both of these items.

It is of **critical** importance that Kelly receive these items **no later than July 31, 2020**. In order to be included in the plan you are required to provide this information. In the event your municipality fails to provide this information by the end of July, the citizens of your municipalities may be ineligible for Hazard Mitigation Assistance Funding in the event of a federally declared disaster.

I've attached the listing Kelly prepared indicating which plan has not been submitted for your municipality. Can each of you please take the time to provide this much needed information to Kelly. Her e-mail address is [kelly.tessier@mbakerint.com](mailto:kelly.tessier@mbakerint.com) and her phone number is (717) 221-2021. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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FROM: KELLY TESSIER

Good afternoon All,

Jim, please see the attached municipal participation table current as of today, July 9. Below is a list of each municipality and corresponding contact that has not submitted a new mitigation action. **The asterisk denotes municipalities that also need to submit a Mitigation Action Progress Report form so we may update 2015 actions.**

MUNICIPALITY	PARTICIPANT(S)	PHONE	EMAIL
<b>Broad Top City Borough</b>	Roy McCabe	814-386-1016	<a href="mailto:ebtminer@nb.net">ebtminer@nb.net</a>
<b>Carbon Township*</b>	Penny Brode	814-635-2334	<a href="mailto:PosiePen@hotmail.com">PosiePen@hotmail.com</a>
	Chris Hamilton		<a href="mailto:dccjma@comcast.net">dccjma@comcast.net</a>
<b>Cass Township</b>	Ron Hicks		<a href="mailto:rondell@embarqmail.com">rondell@embarqmail.com</a>
<b>Cassville Borough</b>			
<b>Clay Township</b>	Randy Anderson		<a href="mailto:rla@embarqmail.com">rla@embarqmail.com</a>
<b>Cromwell Township</b>	David L. Brenneman, Kenneth Leidy	814-506-7669	<a href="mailto:cthc@pa.net">cthc@pa.net</a>



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<b>Lincoln Township</b>	Brian Hunsicker		<a href="mailto:bhhi03.bh@gmail.com">bhhi03.bh@gmail.com</a>
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<b>Penn Township</b>	Brian Hunsicker		<a href="mailto:bhhi03.bh@gmail.com">bhhi03.bh@gmail.com</a>
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<b>Springfield Township</b>	Randy Anderson		<a href="mailto:rla@embarqmail.com">rla@embarqmail.com</a>
<b>Spruce Creek Township*</b>	Vince Lombardi		<a href="mailto:Responder016@gmail.com">Responder016@gmail.com</a>
<b>Walker Township</b>	Bill Leidy		<a href="mailto:bsb3@comcast.net">bsb3@comcast.net</a>
<b>Wood Township</b>	Laurie Nearhood	814-643-5091	<a href="mailto:lnearhood@huntingdoncounty.net">lnearhood@huntingdoncounty.net</a>
	Roy McCabe	814-386-1016	<a href="mailto:ebtminer@nb.net">ebtminer@nb.net</a>

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

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Hello,

This is a friendly reminder to please submit a new Mitigation Action for the Huntingdon County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update project. If you have any questions, please contact James Lettiere at 814-643-5091 or [jlettieri@huntingdoncounty.net](mailto:jlettieri@huntingdoncounty.net), or Kelly Tessier at 717-221-2061 or [Kelly.Tessier@mbakerintl.com](mailto:Kelly.Tessier@mbakerintl.com).

Thank you,

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