Land Use Planning Matters: Planning for Disaster Resilient Communities

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Training Purpose and Objectives

- Develop an understanding of the four phases of Emergency Management

- Learn ways to develop plans for your community or incorporate EM into other plans and documents

- Know where to find tools and resources
Agenda

• Part I: Hazard Mitigation Planning
• Part II: Emergency Preparedness and Response Planning
• Part III: Disaster Recovery Planning
• Part IV: The Importance of Public Involvement in All Phases
• Part V: Disaster Resiliency
Four Phases of Emergency Management (EM)

- Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery

http://www.countyofdane.com/emergency/mitigation_plan.aspx
Types of EM Plans

- Hazard Mitigation Plans
- Business Continuity Plans
- Evacuation Plans
- Long Term Recovery Plans
- Emergency Operations Plans
- Vulnerable Population Plans
Hazard Mitigation Planning

• Hazard mitigation is any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural and man-made hazards and their effects.
The Stafford Act requires that each state have a FEMA approved HMP to qualify for various types of assistance.

The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 amended the Stafford Act and requires all state and local governments to develop a HMP in order to receive pre- and post-disaster federal mitigation funds.
Hazards in Pennsylvania

- PEMA recently completed an update of the Pennsylvania State HMP
- Profiled 16 natural hazards and 10 human-made and technological hazards
- [www.pemahmp.com](http://www.pemahmp.com)
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# Hazards in Pennsylvania

## Human-Made and Technological Hazards in 2013 PA HMP

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## Hazards in Pennsylvania

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Exercise: Hazard Identification

- Place dots on hazards that you believe are most prevalent and/or most important in your community.

Flickr: Astropixie, 2008
Exercise: Hazard Identification

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A Planner’s Role in Hazard Mitigation

- Developing a FEMA-approved HMP
- Integrating hazard mitigation into existing plans and documents
- Coordination with the Local Emergency Management Personnel
Developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan

- FEMA-developed tool for local governments to use in developing or updating a local hazard mitigation plan

Local Mitigation Planning Handbook
March 2013
Developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan

Pennsylvania's All-Hazard Mitigation Planning Standard Operating Guide (SOG)

• Documents standard operating procedures for hazard mitigation planning in PA by capturing FEMA requirements, clarifying and combining existing guidance
Developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan

Plan Outline

1. Introduction
2. Community Profile
3. Planning Process
4. Risk Assessment
5. Capability Assessment
6. Mitigation Strategy
7. Plan Maintenance
8. Plan Adoption
9. Appendices
Step 1: Stakeholder and Public Involvement

- Establish a local steering committee or planning team to:
  - Lead or assist in holding public meetings
  - Gather input on local hazards and mitigation measures
  - Review the final plan
  - Assist with implementation of the plan

- Document the public involvement process as part of the plan
Step 2: Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis

- Hazard identification must address all hazards in area
- Hazard Identification/Risk Analysis combines hazard history with the possibility of a hazard striking the area
Step 2: Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis

- Use of variety of sources to research and gather hazard information:
  - Historical records, reputable online sources, existing local and state plans
  - Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to compare hazards to vulnerable facilities
Step 2: Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis

- Flood Insurance Rate Maps for 1% annual flood
- Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) for additional risk analysis
- HAZUS software
- Past Disasters
Step 3: Vulnerability Assessment

- Identify structures and populations most likely to be impacted by all hazards
- Prioritize structures/facilities for mitigation measures
- Overlay hazard history and probable occurrence to identify areas most vulnerable to hazards
Step 3: Vulnerability Assessment

Pennsylvania 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Pennsylvania Tornado History (1950 - 2012)

LEGEND
Fujita Scale
- Unknown Magnitude
  • 0
  • 1
  • 2
  • 3
  • 4

Historic Tracks

Counties

States

Map illustrates tornado touchdowns and tracks or events with recorded locations. Events occurring prior to 2007 are reported in the EF Scale while those prior to 2007 are reported as F Scale.

Source: NOAA 2012 and 2013
Step 3: Vulnerability Assessment
Step 3: Vulnerability Assessment
### Step 3: Vulnerability Assessment

**Example: Delaware County structure and critical facility vulnerability summary for flood hazards**

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Step 4: Capability Assessment

- What plans, policies, regulations, and programs does your community have?
- What tools are available to you?
- Include the local plans, policies, regulations, and programs that may already address hazards and community resiliency
- Review of community capabilities, authorities, and other resources available to accomplish mitigation
Step 5: Mitigation Strategy

- Work with communities to develop goals and objectives and mitigation actions
- Mitigation actions include a variety of choices to match community needs, some structural and some non-structural
Step 5: Mitigation Strategy

Types of Mitigation Actions

1. Local Plans and Regulations
2. Structure and Infrastructure Projects
3. Natural Systems Protection
4. Education and Awareness Programs
Step 5: Mitigation Strategy

• Local Plans and Regulations:
  • Targeted planning (local plans, zoning, regs)
  • Revision of building codes
  • Stormwater and floodplain regulations
Step 5: Mitigation Strategy

- Structure and Infrastructure Projects:
  - Elevation of flood-prone structures
  - Floodproofing measures
  - Relocation, Acquisition, Demolition
  - Floodwalls, retaining walls, detention and retention structures, culverts, dams/levees, and safe rooms
Step 5: Mitigation Strategy

- **Natural System Protection Actions:**
  - Minimize damage and losses and preserve or restore the functions of natural systems
  - Examples include sediment and erosion control, stream corridor restoration, forest management, conservation easements, and wetland restoration and preservation
Step 5: Mitigation Strategy

- **Education and Awareness Actions:**
  - Outreach projects
  - Library materials dissemination
  - The creation of hazard information centers
  - School age / adult education programs
Step 6: Plan Maintenance

• How will the plan and the mitigation actions stemming from it be implemented and monitored?
• How will it be linked with existing plans?
• How will continued and sustained public input and involvement be sought?
• The plan should provide a schedule for evaluation and updating every five years.
Step 7: Plan Approval and Adoption

- Hazard Mitigation Plans are reviewed by states and approved by FEMA
- FEMA provides “approvals pending adoption” that are the notice to proceed for jurisdictions to adopt their plan
University Hazard Mitigation Planning

• Universities can develop their own plan or participate in a county hazard mitigation plan

• Universities role in mitigation impacts both university and community as a whole
In Pennsylvania, University Hazard Mitigation Plans follow the SOG.

FEMA’s Disaster-Resistant University Guidance provides additional ideas:

- Describes experiences of six universities/colleges.
Opportunities for University HMPs

• Focused audience for outreach

• Smaller community allows for more in depth analysis, for example HAZUS Level 3

• Students and professors may be engaged for unique project within the plan
Opportunities for University HMPs

- Improved safety of campus helps community and vice versa
  - Sheltering on campus
  - Use of campus buses for evacuation
  - Coordination with community addresses university unmet needs
  - Leverage multiple funding streams for mitigation project
University Hazard Mitigation Planning

- Implementing the Plan:
  - Should aligned with campus strategic or master plan
  - May involve change in operations and adjustments to culture
  - Engage municipal, county and other stakeholders throughout process
University Hazard Mitigation Planning

• Partnerships between communities and universities:
  – Share expertise and tools (e.g. GIS)
  – Data (demographic, economic, etc.)
  – Collaboration on larger plan or program, for example HUD Sustainability Grant
Integrating HM - Challenges

- Stand alone documents
- Often developed without the active participation of local planning staff
Integrating HM - Challenges

• Planners often don’t consider hazard mitigation planning as falling within their purview

• Mitigation strategies often focus on infrastructure protection and emergency services projects with less emphasis on non-structural measures available through local land use planning or policy
Incorporating HM into existing local plans, policies, codes, and programs can:
• Help guide development and redevelopment patterns
• Reduce risk to hazards
• Avoid or minimize risk through safe development practices
Integrating HM

Comprehensive Plan

• Map hazards and update existing conditions
• Incorporate HM goals and strategies throughout plan
• Or create a separate HM chapter
• Target growth for low hazard areas
York County, PA has integrated HM planning into its Comprehensive Plan and also into the Act 167 Stormwater Plan.

Uses a Flowchart Tool contained within the Integrated Water Resources Plan component of the County Comp Plan.
Zoning Ordinances

- Create hazard overlay zones
- Limit development in high hazard areas
- Restrict uses in high hazard areas to less susceptible uses such as open space
- Stand-alone SW management and floodplain ordinances
Integrating HM

• Enact higher regulatory standards for floodplains:
  • Prohibit or require permitting for all development in SFHA
  • Elevation of new and substantially improved residential structures above the BFE
  • Location or construction of all public utilities and facilities to minimize or eliminate flood damage
  • Anchoring
Establish design guidelines that incorporate mitigation measures

Create incentives for creative designs that avoid or minimize hazards

E.g., design standards in floodplains, steep slopes, natural features protection etc.
Perry County, PA SALDO: “The purpose of this steep slope section is to:
• ...To protect low-lying areas from flooding by mitigating impacts caused by grading of sloped areas, changes of ground cover, or erection of structures...”
Site Planning & Permitting

- Encourage development applicants to submit plans that identify the extent of known hazards, and mitigate their potential effects

- Establish permit review and approval criteria that addresses hazards

- E.g., building near the floodplain, wildfire prone, etc.
Integrating HM

Building Codes

• Compare current code to identified hazards to see if it is sufficient enough to protect the public

• Considerations: structures built to withstand storms and wind
Integrating HM

Capital Improvement Plans and Transportation Improvement Plans

- Provide funding to mitigation projects
- Plan major infrastructure improvements in areas suitable for safe growth
Integrating HM

Functional Plans

- **Transportation Plans:** Plan transportation infrastructure with evacuation routes in mind

- **Economic Development Plans:** Guide private investment to areas that are safe and more resilient to known hazards

- **Open Space Plans:** Target high hazard areas for acquisition
Integrating HM

Special Programs

- Use TDR to steer growth away from high-hazard areas
- Use Tax Increment Financing to encourage growth in less hazard prone areas
Integrating HM

- Includes recommended steps and tools to assist with local integration efforts, along with ideas for overcoming possible impediments.
Integrating HM

So How Do We Do It?

1. Review existing local HMP for hazards, risks, and mitigation strategies
2. What plans, policies, and tools already in place?
3. Identify gaps and overlaps with your current plans
# Integrating HM

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Hazard Mitigation Assistance

FEMA Assistance

• Individual Assistance
  • Aid to individuals and households

• Public Assistance
  • Aid to public and tribal (and certain private non-profit) entities for certain emergency services and the repair or replacement of disaster damaged public facilities
Hazard Mitigation Assistance

FEMA Assistance

- **Hazard Mitigation Assistance**
  - Funding for measures designed to reduce future losses to public and private property.
  - Some declarations will provide only individual assistance or only public assistance.
Hazard Mitigation Assistance Programs:

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program
Hazard Mitigation Assistance

- PEMA
  - Tracks mitigation projects
  - Funding
  - DCED Coordination
  - Training and Exercises
  - Resources
  - Technical Assistance
Hazard Mitigation Assistance

• Local and Other Sources:
  • Municipal EMCs
  • County EMA
  • Local Fire/POLice
  • Red Cross
  • Chambers of Commerce
Save the Date!
2013 International Hazard Mitigation Practitioners Symposium
Natural Hazard Mitigation Association

Planning and Building Livable, Safe & Sustainable Communities
The Patchwork Quilt Approach

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Other State Agencies

Welcome to the BUREAU OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

The Bureau of Watershed Management’s mission is to restore and protect Pennsylvania’s watersheds through: proper planning and management of water resources and their uses; reducing the impacts of nonpoint sources of pollution on water resources; regulating activities for soil conservation and waterway and wetlands protection; forming partnerships and building local capacity to restore and protect water resources, including drinking water sources; and educating Pennsylvania citizens about watersheds and watershed management.

County Conservation District Niche
- Drifting & Source Water Protection
  - Private Wells Information
  - Source Water Protection
  - Ground Water Protection
- Drought Information
- Stormwater
  - Erosion & Sediment Control
  - Stormwater Management
- Water Resources & Planning
  - State Water Plan (Act 220)
  - Instream Flow Studies PA & MD
  - Water Allocation & Use
  - Water Conservation Center

Watershed Restoration & Protection
- TMDLs
- Growing Greener
- Citizens Volunteer Monitoring
- Nonpoint Source Management
- Nutrient Management
- Stream Releaf
- Watershed Academy
- Watershed Notebooks
- Watershed Snapshot
- Waterways, Floodways & Wetlands
  - Waterways & Floodways
  - Wetlands
Part II: Emergency Preparedness and Response Planning
What would you do?
A quick exercise
What would you do?

• Call family, what if phones are not working?
• Do you have family impacted by evacuation?
• What is your daycare plan?
• Do you have family nearby where you may stay?
• Do you have pets at home?
• Do you have medicine that you need to take? Is it with you?
Planning to Care for Others
Family Preparedness Training

• Helping colleagues to plan for disaster improves their safety during and recovery from disaster
• Increases their ability to work during a disaster
• Encourage colleagues to:
  – Make a kit
  – Make a plan
  – Be informed
Where does Planning fit into Crisis?

• Depends on community
• **Preparedness**: planning, training and outreach
• **Prevention**: analysis to support recognizing and preventing hazards and threats
• **Response**: information and GIS analysis to support safe response
• Planning for preparedness may address:
  – Your department
  – Your building
  – Your community
  – Your neighboring communities
Preparedness Components

- Conduct threat and vulnerability identification, assessment, and resolution
- Meet and share plan with stakeholders and partners
- Coordinate public information
Preparedness Components

- Identify internal emergency management team
- Develop preparedness plans and related procedures
- Train staff on prevention, preparedness, and response for workplace
- Train staff on family disaster planning
Preparedness Components

- Exercise plan and participate in community drills
- Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) resources available on-line
Preparedness Resources

- Historical events
- Incident and breach reports
- Crime Reports
- Employee reports
- Facilities plans and blueprints
- Security testing and inspections

Timeline of Natural Hazard Events Impacting the City of Capitola

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Provided by City of Capitola Historical Museum
Preparedness Training Resources

American Red Cross

Ready.PA

THE SALVATION ARMY

CERT COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

http://www.youtube.com/user/SLOARC
Prevention

- Risk Reduction
  - Vulnerability reduction best practices
- Security Awareness
- Safety Data Acquisition/Analysis
Prevention

• Identify risk reduction strategies typical for an agency, specific resource or building:
  – Personnel, facilities, vehicles, and information
• Plan for implementing appropriate actions
• Encourage Security Awareness
• Use data to identify areas for security and safety improvements
What is Emergency Response and Management?

• Actions taken to protect life, property and natural resources during a disaster event
Who is Responsible?

- Local Partners
- Regional Partners
- National Response Framework
Local Partners

- Municipal Emergency Management
- County Emergency Management
- Police
- Fire
- Emergency Medical Services
- Hospitals
Local Partners

- Municipal and County Commissioners and Council Members
- Public Works
- Public Health
- Local Media
Local Partners

- Citizen Emergency Response Teams
- American Red Cross
- Salvation Army
- Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)
- Utility Providers
- Animal Sheltering Organizations
Local Plans

- Emergency Operations Plans (EOP)
  - Evacuation Annexes
  - Marcellus Gas Well Site Emergency Response Plans (ERP)
  - Hazardous Materials Transportation Incident ERP
- Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
- Vulnerable Population Plans
- Organizational Disaster Response Plans
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Regional Partners

- Regional Counterterrorism Task Forces
Regional Partners

• Regional Counterterrorism Task Forces
  • 9 Regional Task Forces
  • Formed in 1998 in response to the growing threat of Weapons of Mass Destruction
  • Provides “All Hazard” planning, mitigation, response and recovery services to the Counties in their Region
  • Department of Homeland Security funding recipients
State Partners

- PEMA
- PennDOT
- PA State Police
- PA Department of Health
- PA Army National Guard
- Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers (EPLOs) at Many State Agencies
Regional and State Planning

- Radiological Emergency Response Plans
  - Required by Nuclear Regulatory Commission and regularly exercised
- Commonwealth EOP
- Point of Dispensing (POD) Plans
- Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA)
- State Homeland Security Strategy
National Planning

- Presidential Policy Directive 8: National Preparedness (PPD-8)

- National Preparedness Goal:
  - A secure and resilient Nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk.
National Planning Themes

- ‘Whole Community’ planning
- Implementation
- Integration among the Frameworks and planning mechanisms
Guides unified national response to disasters and emergencies - from the smallest incident to the largest catastrophe
Emergency Support Functions

- ESF #1 - Transportation
- ESF #2 - Communications
- ESF #3 - Public Works and Engineering
- ESF #4 - Firefighting
- ESF #5 - Information and Planning
- ESF #6 - Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Temporary Housing, and Human Services
- ESF #7 - Logistics
Emergency Support Functions

- ESF #8 - Public Health and Medical Services
- ESF #9 - Search and Rescue
- ESF #10 - Oil and Hazardous Materials Response
- ESF #11 - Agriculture and Natural Resources
- ESF #12 - Energy
- ESF #13 - Public Safety and Security
- ESF #14 - Superseded by National Disaster Recovery Framework
- ESF #15 - External Affairs
ESF #1 - Transportation

- Assists in the management of transportation systems and infrastructure during domestic threats or in response to incidents.
- Participates in prevention, preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities.
- Carries out the DOT’s statutory responsibilities, including regulation of transportation, management of the Nation’s airspace, and ensuring the safety and security of the national transportation system.
ESF #1 - Transportation

- **ESF Coordinator**: Dept of Transportation (DOT)
- **Primary Agency**: Dept of Transportation (DOT)
- **Support Agencies**:
  - Department of Agriculture
  - Department of Commerce
  - Department of Defense
  - Department of Energy
  - Department of Homeland Security
  - Department of the Interior
  - Department of Justice
  - Department of State
  - General Services Administration
  - U.S. Postal Service
A Planner’s Role in Emergency Management and Response

- Information, information, information
- GIS Information
- Coordination, coordination, coordination
- Outreach
Wide range of needs to consider when planning for emergencies, including:

- Poverty
- Physical and mental disabilities/illnesses
- Inability to speak or read English
- Parents with young children
- Distrust of authority, frustration, anger
- Pets
Response Resources

FEMA:
- NRF: 
  http://www.fema.gov/national-response-framework
- HSEEP: 
  https://hseep.dhs.gov
- Emergency Management Institute (EMI): 
  http://training.fema.gov/EMI/
Our Mission

The mission of the Natural Hazards Center at the University of Colorado at Boulder is to advance and communicate knowledge on hazards mitigation.
Pennsylvania Planning Case Study

- Hurricane Sandy, 2012
- Tropical Storm Lee, 2011
- Hurricane Irene, 2011
- Severe Storms and Flooding, 2011
- Severe Winter Storms and Snowstorms, 2010
What Works?

- Strong coordination with partners
- Leveraged resources
Welcome

Effective and continuous collaboration between state and federal agencies is critical to successfully reducing the risk of flooding and other natural disasters in the United States and enhancing response and recovery efforts when such events do occur. No single agency has all the answers, but often multiple programs can be leveraged to provide a cohesive solution.

The Silver Jackets is an innovative program that provides an opportunity to consistently bring together multiple state, federal, and sometimes tribal and local agencies to learn from one another and apply their knowledge to reduce risk. State agencies, including those of the State Hazard Mitigation Officer and State NFIP Coordinator, come together to address the Federal family of agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in a common forum to address the state's flood risk management priorities. Silver Jacket programs are developed at the state level. There are currently 53 active state teams; the ultimate goal is to offer an interagency team in every state.

The program's primary goals are to:

- Create or supplement a mechanism to collaboratively identify, prioritize, and address risk management issues and implement solutions
- Increase and improve risk communication through a united interagency effort
- Leverage information and resources and provide access to such national programs as FEMA's Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (Risk MAP) program and USACE's LwEac Inventory and Assessment Initiative
- Provide focused, coordinated hazard mitigation assistance in implementing high-priority actions such as those identified by state mitigation plans
- Identify gaps among agency programs and/or barriers to implementation, such as conflicting agency policies or authorities, and provide recommendations for addressing these issues.

Why the name Silver Jackets? Traditionally, different agencies wear different colored jackets when responding to emergencies. For example, FEMA personnel wear blue and USACE personnel wear red. The name Silver Jackets is used to underscore the common mission of the diverse agencies involved.

Silver Jackets Newsletter

- January 2013 (pdf, 1.02 MB)
- October 2012 (pdf, 1.35 MB)
- July 2012 (pdf, 1.69 MB)
- June 2012 (pdf, 1.78 MB)
- January 2012 (pdf, 2.09 MB)
- October 2011 (pdf, 2.37 MB)
- July 2011 (pdf, 3.70 MB)
- April 2011 (pdf, 5.34 MB)
- January 2011 (pdf, 2.68 MB)
- September 2010 (pdf, 5.89 MB)
- March 2010 (pdf, 1.6 MB)

2012 Workshop
2011 Workshop

For advice from successful state teams visit the "Devising a Tatum" page.
Virginia Silver Jackets Brochure (pdf, 1.27 MB)
Brochure Template (pdf, 12.9 MB)

New!

For information on flood risk management, please visit the "Flood of 1913 - Remembered 100 Years Later" page.
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Webinars Supporting Flood Risk Management

- Community-based Hydrologic Warning Systems — March 2013
- Natural Hazard Mitigation Association's Resilient Neighbors Network — February 2013

Newsworthy... The Flood of 1913 - Remembered 100 Years Later

The Silver Jackets team of Ohio and Indiana, with support from the Midwest Regional Climate Center, have launched a Silver Jackets Flood of 1913 website. The website is packed with historical information, as well as current-day tips on flood preparedness, mitigation, and more.

Public outcry after the landmark Flood of 1913 event helped drive the creation of many of the
PA Silver Jackets

Pennsylvania Flood Risk Management Resources - After The Flood
This page provides information on what residents can do in the immediate aftermath of a flood. Click the + sign to see more information.

**Immediate/Short Term**

- Hazard to Watch Out for When Re-entering Your Home
- Health Checklist for Repairing Your Flooded Home
- Removing Mold
- How to Check for Damages
- What do I do with my debris and garbage?
- My house is damaged - who do I tell, what can I do before the insurance agent arrives, and how do I rebuild?
- What financial assistance is available?
- When can I enter my home and what steps should I take after I do?
- Is my drinking water safe?
- I have/do not have insurance - what do I do?
- Where can I get basic necessities?
- How do I handle my belongings?
- Where can I recover vital records?
- Where can I find information about travel conditions?

**Long Term**

- What can be done to repair a damaged levee?
- How does my community begin to rebuild?
- What can I do to lessen my loss next time?
- What is mitigation?
- What funding is available for mitigation?
- What do I need a permit for?
- What do I do about my crop damage?
- How can I help others recover from a flood?

**Resources**
- Silver Jackets Home
- Before the Flood/General Info
- During The Flood
PA Silver Jackets
Pennsylvania Successes

- Mitigation projects in progress
- Plan implementation continuous
- County plans up to date and being reviewed faster
- Partner focused outreach
Part III: Disaster Recovery Planning
What is Disaster Recovery?

- Planning to assist community in accessing resources needed to recover from disaster
- Recovery should not automatically be based on what existed before event
Recovery Components

- Follow continuity of operations procedures
- Debrief staff and consider post-disaster counseling
- Replace damaged assets in community
- Secure available reimbursement
- Complete after action report and update emergency management plan with lessons learned
Planning After a Disaster

• Challenge and opportunity
Types of Recovery Plans

- Continuity of Operations
- Long Term Recovery Plans
- After Action Reports
Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)

- Identifying potential threats
- Providing training, testing, and exercises information for staff
- Establishing a call list
- Setting internal and external communications procedures
COOP Planning

Continuity Program Management Cycle

CONTINUITY CAPABILITY
Performance of ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Leadership
Staff
Facilities
Communications

Develop Corrective Action Plans
Test, Training, and Exercise
Evaluations, After Action Reports, and Lessons Learned

CONTINUITY PLANNING & PROGRAM MANAGEMENT
Long Term Recovery Plans

- Assess the social and economic consequences
- Conduct comprehensive market disruption and loss analysis
- Develop a forward looking market-based comprehensive plan for the affected community
Long Term Recovery Plans

- Identify programs and agencies to support implementation
- Identify gaps in resources
- Plan for follow-through and implementation
After Action Reports

1. Analyze disaster event preparation and response
2. Identify strengths to be maintained and built upon
3. Identify potential areas for further improvement
4. Support development of corrective actions for future events
What works?

• Co-mentoring
• Networking
• Leveraging funding sources
• Training to jump-start new programs
• Engaging a variety of stakeholders
This concept is based on the American idea that scraps of “this and that” can be turned into a useful, warm, and very valuable object, by one or more persons, who possesses a vision of the final product.

- Ed Thomas
Recovery Resources

• FEMA:
  – HSEEP: https://www.llis.dhs.gov/hseep
  – COOP: http://www.fema.gov/continuity-operations

• Funding: FEMA, CDBG-DR via HUD
Part IV: Public Involvement
Outreach Tools

- Build on existing Facebook and Twitter networks
- Go to the people
  - Science centers
  - Sustainability forums
- Web surveying
- Get people moving
Welcome to the Ocean County 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan Project Website
Part V: Disaster Resiliency
Resiliency

- Ability to adapt to changing conditions and prepare for, withstand, and rapidly recover from disruption
Mitigation

- Hazard mitigation is any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural and man-made hazards and their effects.
Benefits

- Mitigation benefit-cost ratio for FEMA mitigation grants is about 4 to 1
- Resiliency builds on sustainability, economic development, whole community and other planning mechanisms
Vulnerability

- Economy impacting ability of people to mitigate, prepare, respond, and recover from disaster
Climate Change

- Sea Level Rise
- Extreme weather events
- Beach erosion
- Saltwater intrusion
Advocacy

RESTORE THE SHORE
Questions?
Land Use Planning Matters: Planning for Disaster Resilient Communities

THANK YOU!

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