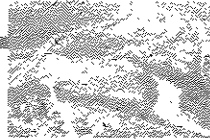


SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY



FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING PROCESS March 17, 2008

Why a Flood Mitigation Plan?

- ❑ Susquehanna County received a grant to support the development of flood mitigation plan, a key element of the County's all-hazards mitigation plan.
- ❑ A flood mitigation plan will ensure the social and economic wellbeing of Susquehanna County and the boroughs and townships within the County.
- ❑ Floods strike the County more than any other other hazard.
- ❑ Because there is money for flood mitigation projects.

What is Hazard Mitigation?

- ❑ FEMA defines Hazard Mitigation as "any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from hazardous conditions."
- ❑ Hazard Mitigation = Reduced Risk
- ❑ Mitigation Measures must be cost-effective and environmentally sound.

Examples of Hazard Mitigation Measures

- ❑ Land Use and Building Code Enforcement
- ❑ Acquisition and demolition of flood-damaged homes ("buy-outs")
- ❑ Stream Bank Maintenance
- ❑ Debris Management
- ❑ Drainage System Maintenance
- ❑ Storm water management
- ❑ Public Education and Awareness Campaigns

Purpose of Flood Mitigation Plan

- ❑ A flood mitigation plan will identify areas prone to flooding, prioritize the threat and potential impacts of flood damage, and outline a strategy to reduce or eliminate the potential affects of future floods.

Goals of Flood Mitigation Plan

- ❑ Protect Life and Property
- ❑ Reduce Future Flood Damages
- ❑ Support Emergency Services
- ❑ Increase Public Awareness about Threat of Flooding and Flood Damage in County
- ❑ Preserve Natural Systems and Resources, such as Floodplains, Creeks, Rivers, Aquifers, and Watersheds
- ❑ Encourage Partnerships and Collaboration
- ❑ Enhance Planning Activities

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Staci,
I need your help again. Donna just sent this to me. Any chance that this could be put into this weeks paper and the weekender? I would really appreciate your help.
Thanks
Mark

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