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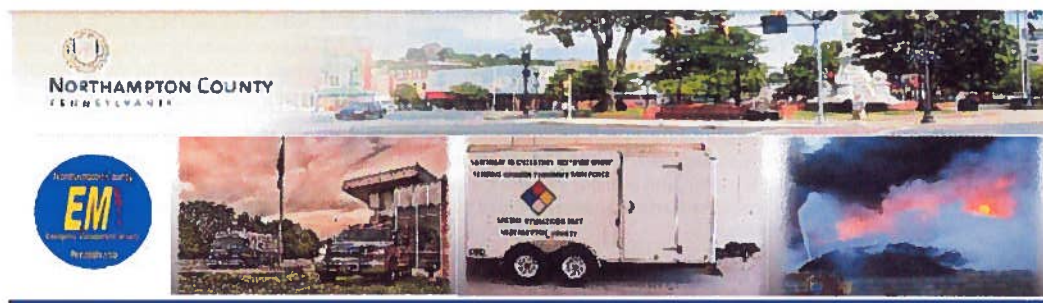
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LEHIGH VALLEY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE



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Hazard Mitigation Plan 2012 Update - Introduction

The residents of the Lehigh Valley are well aware of their vulnerability to natural hazards such as flooding, severe storms, and severe winter storms. Further, man-made and technological hazards put people and property at risk on a daily basis. Hazard mitigation planning is a step toward addressing these hazards and the effects on County businesses and population and reducing future damages due to hazard events. Residents and businesses benefit from comprehensive hazard mitigation planning by using a sustained proactive approach to reduce or eliminate long term risk to people and property from hazards. By utilizing mitigation planning, communities assess risks and identify actions to reduce their vulnerability and increase sustainability.

Mission Statement:

The Steering Committee is in the process of developing a Mission Statement for this plan update.

A Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) is a living document that communities use to reduce their vulnerability to hazards. HMPs form the foundation for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. They create a framework for risk-based decision making to reduce damages to lives, property, and the economy from future disasters.

Further, communities must have an approved HMP to apply for or receive pre-disaster mitigation grant funding. Grant funding is available for projects to mitigate risk to both public and private property. For example projects such as home elevations and local flood mitigation projects are eligible for funding. Ultimately, these actions reduce vulnerability, and communities are able to recover more quickly from disasters.

Lehigh Valley's original HMP was approved by FEMA in April 2007, and may be seen at the [2006 Plan link](#). By regulation, local HMPs must be formally updated every five years. The update process is an opportunity for Northampton and Lehigh Counties and its municipalities to not only re-examine its vulnerability to natural hazards, it also allows for the identification of man-made hazards which impact visitors and residents of the Lehigh Valley every day.

This large scale planning effort is being accomplished through a collaborative effort between the Northampton County Division of Emergency Management Services, Lehigh County Emergency Services, the Lehigh Valley HMP Steering Committee and Tetra Tech, Inc. (Morris Plains, NJ). This planning initiative is expected to continue through Spring 2012. The two counties and in lying municipalities (the "Planning Partnership") have committed to participating in this process, and continue to be eligible for pre-disaster mitigation grant funding.

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What is Hazard Mitigation?

[Hazard Mitigation](#) is any action taken to reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters (natural, technological and man-made). It is often considered the first of the four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

Mitigation measures fall into the following six general categories, and address both public and private property:

Prevention: Measures such as planning and zoning, open space preservation, and development regulations, building codes, storm water management, fire fuel reduction, soil erosion, and sediment control.

Property Protection: Measures such as acquisition, relocation, storm shutters, rebuilding, barriers, flood-proofing, insurance, and structural retrofits for high winds and earthquake hazards.

Public Education and Awareness: Measures such as outreach projects, real estate disclosure, hazard information centers, technical assistance, and school age and adult education programs.

Natural Resource Protection: Measures such as erosion and sediment control, stream corridor protection, vegetative management, and wetlands preservation.

Emergency Services: Measures such as hazard threat recognition, hazard warning systems, emergency response, protection of critical facilities, and health and safety maintenance.

Structural Projects: Measures such as dams, levees, seawalls, bulkheads, revetments, high flow diversions, spillways, buttresses, debris basins, retaining walls, channel modifications, storm sewers, and retrofitted buildings and elevated roadways (seismic protection).

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How does this Plan benefit the Lehigh Valley?

The bi-county hazard mitigation plan assists Northampton and Lehigh Counties with the following:

- An increased understanding of natural and man-made hazards impacting the region
- Assess the risk and vulnerability of people, property, and the environment
- Reduced long-term impacts and damages to human health and structures and reduced repair costs
- Development of more sustainable and disaster-resistant communities
- Access to [federal mitigation grant funding](#) for eligible projects
- Proactive mitigation leads to sustainable, more cost-effective projects. By contrast, reactive mitigation tends to lead to the "quick-fix" alternatives; it simply costs too much to address the effects of disasters only after they happen. A surprising amount of damage can be prevented if the region anticipates where and how disasters will occur, and take steps to mitigate those damages.

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How can I get involved in the Plan Update?

Review the [2006 Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) and provide input.

Review the 2012 Plan Update Draft and provide input.

Attend public outreach activities held during the Plan Update process.

Contact the [County Contacts](#) or Municipal Contacts if you are interested in mitigating your residential or commercial property.

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Hazard Mitigation Steering Committee

As the title suggests, the role of the Steering Committee is to provide guidance and direction to the planning effort to ensure the resulting document will be embraced both politically and by the constituency within the planning area. The Steering Committee will provide guidance and leadership, oversee the planning process, and act as the point of contact for all participating communities and the various interest groups in the planning area. The makeup of this committee was selected to provide a cross section of views to enhance the planning effort and to help build support for hazard mitigation.

The Steering Committee that has been selected for this process is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Angel Gillette, CEM	Northampton County Emergency Management Services
Robert Mateff, ENP	Northampton County Emergency Management Services
Tanya Hook	Lehigh County Emergency Services
Tom Nervine	Lehigh County Emergency Services
Joseph Laky	Northampton County GIS Department
Todd Weaver, ENP	Northampton County Emergency Management Services
Geoff Reese	Lehigh Valley Planning Commission
Susan Rockwell	Lehigh Valley Planning Commission

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[Lehigh County Emergency Services:](#)

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[Northampton County Conservation District](#)

[Lehigh County Conservation District](#)

[Delaware River Basin Commission](#)

[Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Hazard Mitigation:](#)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Home Page: www.fema.gov

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Division: www.fema.gov/about/divisions/mitigation/mitigation.shtm

FEMA – Region III: <http://www.fema.gov/about/regions/regioniii/>

Mitigation Planning

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Planning Page: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/mitplanning/>

Mitigation Planning Guidance Documents: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/mitplanning/guidance.shtm#3>

Flood Insurance and Grant Programs

National Flood Insurance Program: www.fema.gov/business/nfip/index.shtm

FEMA Mitigation Grant Programs: <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hma/index.shtm>

Regulatory

Hazard Mitigation Planning Laws, Regulations and Guidance: <http://www.fema.gov/plan/mitplanning/guidance.shtm>

Hazard Information

FEMA Hazard Support: www.fema.gov/hazard/index.shtm

National Weather Service – National: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>

National Weather Service Forecast Office – Philadelphia/Mt. Holly: <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/phil/>

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Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan update

Lehigh and Northampton counties have initiated an update to the Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan, July 2006. The Lehigh Valley is vulnerable to a variety of natural hazards (flooding, tornadoes, severe winter storms) as well as man-made hazards (hazardous material releases, transportation accidents, dam failures) which may threaten life and property. Hazard mitigation planning is a proactive approach of assessing risks and identifying actions or projects to reduce or eliminate the long-term risks from these hazards. A hazard mitigation plan (HMP) forms the foundation for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. Communities must have an HMP approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be eligible for federal funding for hazard mitigation actions or projects identified in the plan. Projects such as elevating structures and acquiring properties are eligible for funding. Ultimately, these actions reduce vulnerability, and communities are able to recover more quickly from disasters.

Lehigh and Northampton counties, and all 62 municipalities within the two counties, previously adopted a HMP for the Lehigh Valley that was approved by FEMA in April 2007. This plan was the first two county venture in the state. The LVPC assisted the Lehigh and Northampton County Emergency Management Agencies (EMAs) in the preparation of the plan. To continue to be eligible for federal funding, the plan must be updated every five years. The update process is an opportunity for Lehigh and Northampton counties and their municipalities to not only re-examine their risks from natural hazards, but to also assess the risks to the region from man-made hazards and to identify actions to reduce or eliminate the risks from these hazards.

The Lehigh and Northampton County EMAs are working with the municipalities to obtain commitments to participate once again in the regional planning process. Meetings were held in each county in late November 2011 to describe the plan update process and begin the municipal participation element. A second meeting will be scheduled in early 2012. A hazard mitigation

planning website has been developed to inform and engage the public and other local and regional stakeholders in the planning process (http://www.nc911.org/html/___hazard_mitigation.html). This site includes an online hazards awareness and preparedness survey and will include sections of the Draft Plan as they become available. The public is encouraged to visit the site, take the online survey, review the Draft Plan (when available) and provide input to the planning process. The planning initiative is expected to continue through the spring of 2012.

Funding for the project is provided, in part, from FEMA (75%) through the federal Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant program. The remainder is funded by the counties (25%) through commitment of local staff time.

For more information or any questions on the plan update, please contact Angel Gillette, Northampton County Emergency Management Services (610-746-3194, x2230 or agillette@northamptoncounty.org) or Tanya Hook, Lehigh County Emergency Management Agency (610-782-4600 or tanyahook@lehighcounty.org).

Lehigh Valley Planning Commission meetings — 2012

The following is the schedule of regular monthly meetings and all Committee meetings of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. The LVPC Commission and Committee meetings will be held in the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission's Conference Room located at 961 Marcon Boulevard, Suite 310, Allentown.

LVPC (7:00 P.M.)

Thursday, January 26, 2012
Thursday, February 23, 2012
Thursday, March 29, 2012
Thursday, April 26, 2012

Thursday, May 31, 2012
Thursday, June 28, 2012
Thursday, July 26, 2012
Thursday, August 30, 2012
Thursday, September 27, 2012
Thursday, October 25, 2012
Thursday, November 29, 2012
Thursday, December 20, 2012 (11:00 A.M.)
Thursday, January 31, 2013

Executive Committee (4:15 pm)






- On the second Wednesday of each month. LVPC Conference Room.

Comprehensive Planning Committee (12:00 Noon) - On the Tuesday immediately preceding LVPC meeting dates above. LVPC Conference Room.










Environment Committee (11:00 am) - On the Tuesday of the Comprehensive Planning Committee meetings. LVPC Conference Room.










Transportation Committee (5:00 pm) - Same night as the LVPC meeting listed above except for *December's meeting at 9:00 a.m.* LVPC Conference Room.




1. Please indicate your age range:

		Response Percent	Response Count
18 to 30		14.6%	7
31 to 40		37.5%	18
41 to 50		22.9%	11
51 to 60		16.7%	8
60 or over		8.3%	4
answered question			48
skipped question			0





2. Indicate in which community you live in the Lehigh Valley (Northampton and Lehigh Counties):

		Response Percent	Response Count
Alburtis Borough		0.0%	0
City of Allentown		14.6%	7
Allen Township		2.1%	1
Bangor Borough		0.0%	0
Bath Borough		0.0%	0
City of Bethlehem		14.6%	7
Bethlehem Township		4.2%	2
Bushkill Township		0.0%	0
Catasauqua Borough		4.2%	2
Chapman Borough		0.0%	0
Coopersburg Borough		0.0%	0
Coplay Borough		0.0%	0
East Allen Township		4.2%	2
East Bangor Borough		0.0%	0
City of Easton		2.1%	1
Emmaus Borough		2.1%	1
Forks Township		2.1%	1
Freemansburg Borough		0.0%	0
Fountain Hill Borough		0.0%	0
Glendon Borough		0.0%	0
Hanover Township (Lehigh County)		0.0%	0
Hanover Township (Northampton County)		0.0%	0



Heidelberg Township		2.1%	1
Hellertown Borough		0.0%	0
Lehigh Township		6.3%	3
Lower Macungie Township		0.0%	0
Lower Milford Township		0.0%	0
Lower Mount Bethel Township		0.0%	0
Lower Nazareth Township		0.0%	0
Lower Saucon Township		2.1%	1
Lowhill Township		0.0%	0
Lynn Township		2.1%	1
Macungie Borough		0.0%	0
Moore Township		0.0%	0
Nazareth Borough		0.0%	0
Northampton Borough		2.1%	1
North Catasauqua Borough		0.0%	0
North Whitehall Township		6.3%	3
Palmer Township		0.0%	0
Pen Argyl Borough		0.0%	0
Plainfield Township		6.3%	3
Portland Borough		0.0%	0
Roseto Borough		0.0%	0
Salisbury Township		4.2%	2
Slatington Borough		0.0%	0
South Whitehall Township		2.1%	1
Stockertown Borough		0.0%	0

Tatamy Borough		0.0%	0
Upper Macungie Township		2.1%	1
Upper Milford Township		0.0%	0
Upper Mount Bethel Township		0.0%	0
Upper Nazareth Township		0.0%	0
Upper Saucon Township		0.0%	0
Walnutport Borough		0.0%	0
Washington Township (Lehigh County)		4.2%	2
Washington Township (Northampton County)		0.0%	0
Weisenberg Township		0.0%	0
West Easton Borough		0.0%	0
Whitehall Township		10.4%	5
Williams Borough		0.0%	0
Wilson Borough		0.0%	0
Wind Gap Borough		0.0%	0
answered question			48
skipped question			0

3. How long have you lived in the Lehigh Valley?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 1 year		0.0%	0
1 to 5 years		16.7%	8
6 to 9 years		8.3%	4
10 to 19 years		8.3%	4
20 years or more		66.7%	32
answered question			48
skipped question			0

4. Do you own or rent your place of residence?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Own		75.0%	36
Rent		25.0%	12
answered question			48
skipped question			0






5. What is your zip code?

	Response Count
	48
answered question	48
skipped question	0


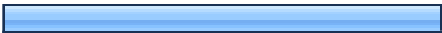
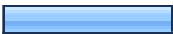
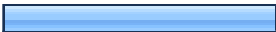


6. What is your home address? (optional, will be kept confidential - only used to identify localized hazard areas such as flooding)

	Response Count
	32
answered question	32
skipped question	16

7. Please rank how prepared you and your household are for the probable impacts of natural hazard events likely to occur within the Lehigh Valley. Rank on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 representing the most prepared.

		Response Percent	Response Count
1 (least)		10.4%	5
2		14.6%	7
3		41.7%	20
4		29.2%	14
5 (Most)		4.2%	2
	answered question		48
	skipped question		0

8. Why do you think you are prepared for the probable impacts from natural hazard events that may occur within the Lehigh Valley? (Please check all that apply)

















		Response Percent	Response Count
Emergency preparedness information from a government source (e.g., federal, state, or local emergency management)		68.2%	30
Locally provided news or other media information		65.9%	29
Schools and other academic institutions		25.0%	11
Attended meetings that have dealt with disaster preparedness		40.9%	18
I have taken precautionary measures to protect my property though retrofits or when constructed.		22.7%	10
Other (please specify)		11.4%	5
answered question			44
skipped question			4





9. In the past 10 years, which of the following types of hazard events have you or someone in your household experienced within the Lehigh Valley and how concerned are you about the following natural hazards impacting the area? (In the first column indicate if you have experienced the hazard, then indicate your level of concern).

	Have Experienced	Not Concerned	Somewhat Concerned	Very Concerned	Extremely Concerned	Response Count
Dam Failure	0.0% (0)	97.2% (35)	2.8% (1)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	36
Drought	47.5% (19)	27.5% (11)	50.0% (20)	7.5% (3)	10.0% (4)	40
Earthquake	59.5% (25)	33.3% (14)	42.9% (18)	9.5% (4)	2.4% (1)	42
Epidemic/Pandemic	23.7% (9)	21.1% (8)	55.3% (21)	15.8% (6)	5.3% (2)	38
Extreme Temperatures	48.8% (20)	36.6% (15)	46.3% (19)	2.4% (1)	4.9% (2)	41
Flooding - Property	19.4% (7)	41.7% (15)	38.9% (14)	8.3% (3)	5.6% (2)	36
Flooding - Basement	52.5% (21)	22.5% (9)	47.5% (19)	7.5% (3)	7.5% (3)	40
Flooding - 1st Floor	2.9% (1)	74.3% (26)	20.0% (7)	2.9% (1)	2.9% (1)	35
Flooding - Above 1st Floor	2.9% (1)	74.3% (26)	17.1% (6)	5.7% (2)	2.9% (1)	35
Flooding - Street	37.8% (14)	40.5% (15)	32.4% (12)	8.1% (3)	0.0% (0)	37
Ice Jam	3.0% (1)	72.7% (24)	21.2% (7)	3.0% (1)	0.0% (0)	33
Ice Storm	67.4% (29)	23.3% (10)	39.5% (17)	14.0% (6)	7.0% (3)	43
Infestation	5.9% (2)	55.9% (19)	32.4% (11)	11.8% (4)	0.0% (0)	34
Landslide	0.0% (0)	85.7% (30)	14.3% (5)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	35
Nor-Easters, Tropical Storms	61.4% (27)	34.1% (15)	34.1% (15)	15.9% (7)	4.5% (2)	44
Severe Storms (Wind, Lightning, Tornado, Hail)	70.2% (33)	17.0% (8)	46.8% (22)	19.1% (9)	4.3% (2)	47
Severe Winter Storms (Blizzard, Heavy Snow)	70.2% (33)	19.1% (9)	36.2% (17)	25.5% (12)	6.4% (3)	47
Sinkholes	21.1% (8)	34.2% (13)	28.9% (11)	26.3% (10)	5.3% (2)	38
Utility Failure	52.2% (24)	19.6% (9)	41.3% (19)	21.7% (10)	13.0% (6)	46
Wildfire	2.8% (1)	63.9% (23)	30.6% (11)	0.0% (0)	5.6% (2)	36



Other	7.7% (1)	84.6% (11)	7.7% (1)	7.7% (1)	0.0% (0)	13
answered question						48
skipped question						0

10. Information on the impacts of and how to prepare for a natural disaster can be disseminated to the public in various ways. Of the information sources below, please identify the top three (3) that would be MOST EFFECTIVE in providing you with information to make your home safer and better able to withstand the impact of natural hazard events.



		Response Percent	Response Count
Newspaper - Express Times		8.5%	4
Newspaper - The Morning Call		34.0%	16
County and/or Local Websites		31.9%	15
Local Government E-Mail		10.6%	5
Police Department		10.6%	5
Telephone Book		2.1%	1
Informational Brochures		14.9%	7
Public Meetings		6.4%	3
Workshops		10.6%	5
Schools		10.6%	5
TV News		55.3%	26
TV Advertising		6.4%	3
Radio News		27.7%	13
Radio Advertisements		10.6%	5
Outdoor Advertisements		10.6%	5
Internet		31.9%	15
Chamber of Commerce		0.0%	0

Fire Department/EMS Agency		14.9%	7
Academic Institutions		0.0%	0
Public Awareness Event		19.1%	9
Books		2.1%	1
Public Library		0.0%	0
Other (please specify)		6.4%	3
answered question			47
skipped question			1







11. To the best of your knowledge is your property located in a designated floodplain?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		0.0%	0
No		75.0%	36
Not Sure		25.0%	12
answered question			48
skipped question			0


12. Do you have flood insurance?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		12.5%	6
No		87.5%	42
answered question			48
skipped question			0

13. If you do NOT have flood insurance, what is the primary reason?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I don't need it/my property has never flooded		20.5%	8
Don't need it/my house is not in the floodplain		53.8%	21
It is too expensive		5.1%	2
Not familiar with it/don't know about it		12.8%	5
Insurance company will not provide		5.1%	2
My homeowners insurance will cover me		0.0%	0
It is not worth it		2.6%	1
answered question			39
skipped question			9



14. Do you or did you have problems getting homeowners/renters insurance due to risks from natural hazards?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		0.0%	0
No		100.0%	46
answered question			46
skipped question			2



15. If you answered "yes" to the previous question, please identify the natural hazard risk that caused you to have problems obtaining homeowners/renters insurance.

	Response Count
	0
answered question	0
skipped question	48

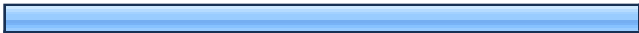

16. Did you consider the impact a natural disaster could have on your home before you purchased/moved into your home?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		33.3%	16
No		66.7%	32
	answered question		48
	skipped question		0








17. Was the presence of a natural hazard risk zone (i.e. flood zone) disclosed to you by a real estate agent, seller, or landlord before you purchased/moved into your home?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		13.0%	6
No		87.0%	40
	answered question		46
	skipped question		2



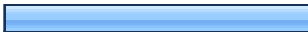




18. Would the disclosure of this type of information influence your decision to purchase/move into a home?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		95.7%	45
No		4.3%	2
answered question			47
skipped question			1



19. How much money would you be willing to spend on your current home to retrofit it from the impacts of potential future natural disasters within your community? Examples of retrofitting are: Elevating a flood-prone home; elevating utilities in flood-prone basements; retrofitting your roof, siding or windows to withstand high winds.

		Response Percent	Response Count
\$5,000 or above		6.3%	3
\$2,500 to \$4,999		10.4%	5
\$1,000 to \$2,499		12.5%	6
\$500 to \$999		4.2%	2
\$100 to \$499		2.1%	1
Less than \$100		0.0%	0
Nothing		14.6%	7
Don't know		50.0%	24
answered question			48
skipped question			0

20. Which of the following incentives would help to encourage you to spend money to retrofit your home from the possible impacts of natural disasters? (Please check all that apply)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Building permit fee waiver		32.6%	15
Insurance premium discount		63.0%	29
Low interest rate loan		45.7%	21
Property tax break or incentive		71.7%	33
Mortgage discount		43.5%	20
Grant funding that requires a "cost-share"		39.1%	18
None		15.2%	7
Other (please specify)		0.0%	0
answered question			46
skipped question			2

21. If your property were located in a designated "high hazard" area, or had received repeated damages from a natural hazard event, would you consider a "buyout", elevation of the structure, or relocation offered by a public agency?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		95.7%	44
No		4.3%	2
answered question			46
skipped question			2

22. What types of projects do you believe local, county, state or federal government agencies should be doing in order to reduce the damage and disruption of natural hazards in the Lehigh Valley? Rate these by importance on a scale of H (high), M (medium), or L (low):

	H	M	L	Response Count
Retrofit and strengthen essential facilities such as police, schools, hospitals	64.6% (31)	31.3% (15)	4.2% (2)	48
Retrofit infrastructure, such as elevating roadways and improving drainage systems	70.8% (34)	22.9% (11)	6.3% (3)	48
Work on improving the damage resistance of utilities (electricity, communications, etc.)	75.0% (36)	20.8% (10)	4.2% (2)	48
Install or improve protective structures, such as floodwalls or levees	47.9% (23)	37.5% (18)	14.6% (7)	48
Replace inadequate or vulnerable bridges and causeways	74.5% (35)	19.1% (9)	6.4% (3)	47
Strengthen codes, ordinances and plans to require higher hazard risk management standards and/or provide greater control over development in high hazard areas	43.8% (21)	41.7% (20)	14.6% (7)	48
Acquire vulnerable properties and maintain as open-space	33.3% (16)	41.7% (20)	25.0% (12)	48
Inform property owners of ways they can mitigate their properties	54.2% (26)	45.8% (22)	0.0% (0)	48
Provide better information about hazard risks and high-hazard areas	47.9% (23)	47.9% (23)	4.2% (2)	48
Assist vulnerable property owners with securing funding to mitigate their properties	48.9% (23)	42.6% (20)	8.5% (4)	47
Other (please specify)				0
answered question				48

skipped question	0
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23. Other Comments:

	Response Count
	0

answered question	0
skipped question	48

Page 2, Q6. What is your home address? (optional, will be kept confidential - only used to identify localized hazard areas such as flooding)

28	609 Springhouse Road, Apt, Allentown, PA	Mar 29, 2012 10:46 AM
29	347 E 10th St, Northampton, PA	Mar 29, 2012 10:39 AM
30	1626 Arrowwood Drive	Mar 15, 2012 2:00 PM
31	Monocacy Drive	Oct 6, 2011 8:34 AM
32	1127 Sundance Drive, Pen Argyl, PA	Oct 5, 2011 3:08 PM

Page 3, Q8. Why do you think you are prepared for the probable impacts from natural hazard events that may occur within the Lehigh Valley? (Please check all that apply)

1	I work in Emergency Management and Firefighting	Apr 30, 2012 12:53 PM
2	Training from employer	Apr 24, 2012 1:32 PM
3	Member of Lehigh County Citizen Corps, CERT, and safety and preparedness are part of occupation	Apr 13, 2012 2:44 PM
4	first responder for 27 years, ICS 300 & 400 certified	Mar 26, 2012 11:24 AM
5	learning now how to take pre-caution and be prepared.	Oct 6, 2011 8:38 AM

Page 3, Q10. Information on the impacts of and how to prepare for a natural disaster can be disseminated to the public in various ways. Of the information sources below, please identify the top three (3) that would be MOST EFFECTIVE in providing you with information to make your home safer and better able to ...

1	Cell phone weather features	Mar 29, 2012 10:49 AM
2	County	Oct 6, 2011 8:38 AM
3	Text Messages and/or Social Media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.)	Oct 5, 2011 5:26 PM

Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Survey for Business/Commerce

Hazard Mitigation: *Any action taken to reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters (natural, technological and man-made). It is often considered the first of the four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.*

Background

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Purpose

The following survey is designed to help identify general needs for mitigation within the Lehigh Valley from your perspective, as well as to identify specific projects that may be included in the update to the mitigation plan.

Directions

Please review and answer the following questions regarding potential mitigation that affects businesses and commercial interests in the Lehigh Valley. Please check “Yes”, “No” or “Unsure”. **If you indicate “No”, please tell us why.** Provide as much detail as possible to support your choice in the Comments box. Feel free to attach extra sheets if necessary. Where possible, identify specific areas (locations, facilities, programs, policies, etc.) that need to be improved, and your suggestions for possible improvements. **If there are other important issues that you feel are not covered by the survey questions, please let us know.**

Survey

- 1) Do you believe that your facilities are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 2) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards, and thus provides longterm support for your business and commercial needs?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 3) Do you think that the utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support your business and commercial needs?

YES NO UNSURE

- 4) Do you believe that natural hazard risks (e.g. flood zones) are considered when developing or expanding commercial or industrial areas?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 5) Do you believe that business organizations/associations, chambers of commerce, etc., are a valuable resource in helping business owners protect themselves pre-disaster, and /or recover post-disaster?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 6) Do you believe that businesses are aware and take appropriate advantage of flood insurance and other resources to help them recover from disasters?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 7) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters that may impact your business or commercial interests?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

8) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

**Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:
Survey for County Emergency Medical Service Providers**

Hazard Mitigation: *Any action taken to reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters (natural, technological and man-made). It is often considered the first of the four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.*

Background

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Purpose

The following survey is designed to help identify general needs for mitigation within the Lehigh Valley from your perspective, as well as to identify specific projects that may be included in the update to the mitigation plan.

Directions

Please review and answer the following questions regarding potential mitigation that affects Emergency Medical Service providers in the Lehigh Valley. Please check “Yes” or “No”. **If you indicate “No”, please tell us why.** Provide as much detail as possible to support your choice in the Comments box. Feel free to attach extra sheets if necessary. Where possible, identify specific areas (locations, facilities, programs, policies, etc.) that need to be improved, and your suggestions for possible improvements. Please mark locations/facilities on the map provided. **If there are other important issues that you feel are not covered by the survey questions, please let us know.**

Survey

- 1) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. EMS facilities, hospitals and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES NO

Comments:

- 2) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES NO

Comments:

- 3) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support EMS functions during natural hazard events?

YES NO

- 4) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for EMS during hazard events?

YES NO

Comments:

- 5) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support EMS functions during natural hazard events?

YES NO

Comments:

- 6) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services)?

YES NO

Comments:

- 7) Do you think that your EMS company works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES NO

Comments:

- 8) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES NO

Comments:

- 9) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES NO

Comments:

10) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES

NO

Comments:

**Lehigh Valley Hazards Mitigation Plan Update:
Survey for County Firefighters**

Hazard Mitigation: *any action taken to reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters (natural, technological and man-made). It is often considered the first of the four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.*

Background

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Purpose

The following survey is designed to help identify general needs for mitigation within the Lehigh Valley from your perspective, as well as to identify specific projects that may be included in the update to the mitigation plan.

Directions

Please review and answer the following questions regarding potential mitigation that affects fire departments in the Lehigh Valley. Please check “Yes” or “No”. **If you indicate “No”, please tell us why.** Provide as much detail as possible to support your choice in the Comments box. Feel free to attach extra sheets if necessary. Where possible, identify specific areas (locations, facilities, programs, policies, etc.) that need to be improved, and your suggestions for possible improvements. Please mark locations/facilities on the map provided. **If there are other important issues that you feel are not covered by the survey questions, please let us know.**

Survey

- 1.) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. fire stations, shelters, and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES NO

2.) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES NO

Comments:

3.) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support fire department functions during natural hazard events?

YES NO

Comments:

- 4.) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for fire departments during hazard events?

YES NO

Comments:

- 5.) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support fire department functions during natural hazard events?

YES NO

Comments:

- 6.) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services)?

YES NO

Comments:

- 7.) Do you think that your agency/organization works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES NO

Comments:

10.) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES NO

Comments:

11.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES NO

Comments:

12.) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES

NO

Comments:

**Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:
Survey for County Hospitals and Health Care Facilities**

Hazard Mitigation: *Any action taken to reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters (natural, technological and man-made). It is often considered the first of the four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.*

Background

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Purpose

The following survey is designed to help identify general needs for mitigation within the Lehigh Valley from your perspective, as well as to identify specific projects that may be included in the update to the mitigation plan.

Directions

Please review and answer the following questions regarding potential mitigation that affects hospitals and health care facilities in the Lehigh Valley. Please check “Yes”, “No” or “Unsure”. **If you indicate “No”, please tell us why.** Provide as much detail as possible to support your choice in the Comments box. Feel free to attach extra sheets if necessary. Where possible, identify specific areas (locations, facilities, programs, policies, etc.) that need to be improved, and your suggestions for possible improvements. **If there are other important issues that you feel are not covered by the survey questions, please let us know.**

Survey

- 1) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. EMS facilities, hospitals and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 2) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure serving your facilities (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 3) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support hospital functions during natural hazard events?

YES NO UNSURE

- 4) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for hospitals during hazard events?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 5) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support hospital functions during natural hazard events?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 6) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services)?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 7) Do you think that your hospital works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 8) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 9) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

10) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Survey for Law Enforcement

Hazard Mitigation: *Any action taken to reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters (natural, technological and man-made). It is often considered the first of the four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.*

Background

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Purpose

The following survey is designed to help identify general needs for mitigation within the Lehigh Valley from your perspective, as well as to identify specific projects that may be included in the update to the mitigation plan.

Directions

Please review and answer the following questions regarding potential mitigation that affects law enforcement in the Lehigh Valley. Please check “Yes”, “No” or “Unsure”. **If you indicate “No”, please tell us why.** Provide as much detail as possible to support your choice in the Comments box. Feel free to attach extra sheets if necessary. Where possible, identify specific areas (locations, facilities, programs, policies, etc.) that need to be improved, and your suggestions for possible improvements. **If there are other important issues that you feel are not covered by the survey questions, please let us know.**

Survey

- 1.) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. jails, police stations, detention centers, and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

2.) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

3.) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

4.) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for law enforcement during hazard events?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 5.) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 6.) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services, NYAlert)?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 7.) Do you think that your agency/organization works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

8.) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

9.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

10.) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

**Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:
Survey for School Districts and Higher Education**

Hazard Mitigation: *Any action taken to reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters (natural, technological and man-made). It is often considered the first of the four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.*

Background

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Purpose

The following survey is designed to help identify general needs for mitigation within the Lehigh Valley from your perspective, as well as to identify specific projects that may be included in the update to the mitigation plan.

Directions

Please review and answer the following questions regarding potential mitigation that affects schools and other educational facilities in the Lehigh Valley. Please check “Yes”, “No” or “Unsure”. **If you indicate “No”, please tell us why.** Provide as much detail as possible to support your choice in the Comments box. Feel free to attach extra sheets if necessary. Where possible, identify specific areas (locations, facilities, programs, policies, etc.) that need to be improved, and your suggestions for possible improvements. **If there are other important issues that you feel are not covered by the survey questions, please let us know.**

Survey

- 1) Do you believe that your facilities and associated infrastructure are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 2) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure serving your facilities (e.g. roads and bridges) are properly designed to withstand closures and/or damage due to natural hazards?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 3) Do you think that the utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) is sufficiently disaster-resistant to support school functions during and after natural hazard events?

YES NO UNSURE

- 4) If your facilities are ARC-designated shelters, do you believe they are adequately designed and equipped to support sheltering during and after natural hazard events?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 5) Do you think that weather forecasts and announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support school operation and student transportation decisions in the event of natural hazard events?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 6) Do you believe that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 7) Do you believe that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 8) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Survey for Utilities

Hazard Mitigation: *Any action taken to reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters (natural, technological and man-made). It is often considered the first of the four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.*

Background

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Purpose

The following survey is designed to help identify general needs for mitigation within the Lehigh Valley from your perspective, as well as to identify specific projects that may be included in the update to the mitigation plan.

Directions

Please review and answer the following questions regarding potential mitigation that affects utilities in the Lehigh Valley. Please check “Yes”, “No” or “Unsure”. **If you indicate “No”, please tell us why.** Provide as much detail as possible to support your choice in the Comments box. Feel free to attach extra sheets if necessary. Where possible, identify specific areas (locations, facilities, programs, policies, etc.) that need to be improved, and your suggestions for possible improvements. **If there are other important issues that you feel are not covered by the survey questions, please let us know.**

Survey

- 1) Do you believe that your facilities and infrastructure are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located, constructed, and protected from damage from natural hazards)?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 2) Do you believe that your facilities and infrastructure have sufficient redundancy and/or are sufficiently networked to provide a minimal level of service to your customers (esp. critical and essential services such as police, fire, hospitals) in the event that you suffer damage/loss to your equipment?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 3) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as to reduce their reliance on your services during hazard events?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 4) Do you think that announcements of utility outages and service restoration schedules are sufficiently accurate and available to support the needs of emergency management, as well as owners/operators of critical and essential facilities?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 5) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services, NYAlert)?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 6) Do you think that vegetation management programs (e.g. tree trimming and removal) are sufficient to manage the risk of utility outages during natural hazard events?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 7) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 8) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 9) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

**Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:
Survey for County Emergency Medical Service Providers**

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Purpose

The following survey is designed to help identify general needs for mitigation within the Lehigh Valley from your perspective, as well as to identify specific projects that may be included in the update to the mitigation plan.

Directions

Please review and answer the following questions regarding potential mitigation that affects Emergency Medical Service providers in the Lehigh Valley. Please check "Yes" or "No". **If you indicate "No", please tell us why.** Provide as much detail as possible to support your choice in the Comments box. Feel free to attach extra sheets if necessary. Where possible, identify specific areas (locations, facilities, programs, policies, etc.) that need to be improved, and your suggestions for possible improvements. Please mark locations/facilities on the map provided. **If there are other important issues that you feel are not covered by the survey questions, please let us know.**

Survey

- 1) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. EMS facilities, hospitals and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

Several Public Safety buildings that I am aware of do not have backup power. With regards to hospitals and medical centers, I believe that they are sufficiently prepared.

- 2) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

several roadways in my local are not able to be traveled when quick heavy rains occur. they become flooded.

- 3) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support EMS functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒

electricity as a whole is a known nationwide infrastructure issue. In this area there is no exception. During wind, rain, snow, ice and other inclement weather patterns have caused widespread failure

The 911 center has never shown to have any issues to allow for commute to take place. Other communications are available as well.

- 4) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for EMS during hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

I believe ems does a poor job when the time comes during a natural disaster on promoting resources or explaining limitations

- 5) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support EMS functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

- 6) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services)?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

- 7) Do you think that your EMS company works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

This is one of the areas that has been worked on in the past year, but we are not quite there.

- 8) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

- 9) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

I don't believe this is present everywhere. This is another area that has been worked on and continues to be addressed in light of recent weather related emergencies.

- 10) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

Not that I am aware of when I asked.

**Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Survey for Business/Commerce**

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Background

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Purpose

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Directions

Please review and answer the following questions regarding potential mitigation that affects businesses and commercial interests in the Lehigh Valley. Please check "Yes", "No" or "Unsure". **If you indicate "No", please tell us why.** Provide as much detail as possible to support your choice in the Comments box. Feel free to attach extra sheets if necessary. Where possible, identify specific areas (locations, facilities, programs, policies, etc.) that need to be improved, and your suggestions for possible improvements. **If there are other important issues that you feel are not covered by the survey questions, please let us know.**

Survey

- 1) Do you believe that your facilities are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

Not enough generator power

- 2) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards, and thus provides longterm support for your business and commercial needs?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

Transportation is good, but roads especially bridges are in bad shape

- 3) Do you think that the utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support your business and commercial needs?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Looking at our recent power outages. I would say some of the problems are their infrastructure.

- 4) Do you believe that natural hazard risks (e.g. flood zones) are considered when developing or expanding commercial or industrial areas?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

I seen cases where it
is taken into consideration
and others not

- 5) Do you believe that business organizations/associations, chambers of commerce, etc., are a valuable resource in helping business owners protect themselves pre-disaster, and /or recover post-disaster?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

yes, if trained
properly

- 6) Do you believe that businesses are aware and take appropriate advantage of flood insurance and other resources to help them recover from disasters?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

I think cost, and not having any history of flood planes.

- 7) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters that may impact your business or commercial interests?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

They have proven this on ~~and~~ many occasions. o
Gas explosions, train derailment
haz mat, etc

- 8) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

I don't think local
govt. fully understands.
The staff do, but at
different levels
they do not

**Lehigh Valley Hazards Mitigation Plan Update:
Survey for County Firefighters**

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Survey

- 1.) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. fire stations, shelters, and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☐ NO ☐

2.) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments:

3.) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support fire department functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments:

- 4.) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for fire departments during hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments:

- 5.) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support fire department functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments:

- 6.) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services)?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments:

- 7.) Do you think that your agency/organization works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments:

10.) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments:

11.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments:

12.) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments:

**Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:
Survey for School Districts and Higher Education**

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Survey

- 1) Do you believe that your facilities and associated infrastructure are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

- 2) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure serving your facilities (e.g. roads and bridges) are properly designed to withstand closures and/or damage due to natural hazards?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

- 3) Do you think that the utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) is sufficiently disaster-resistant to support school functions during and after natural hazard events?

YES

NO

UNSURE

- 4) If your facilities are ARC-designated shelters, do you believe they are adequately designed and equipped to support sheltering during and after natural hazard events?

☒ YES

☐ NO

☐ UNSURE

Comments:

- 5) Do you think that weather forecasts and announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support school operation and student transportation decisions in the event of natural hazard events?

☒ YES

☐ NO

☐ UNSURE

Comments:

- 6) Do you believe that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

- 7) Do you believe that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

- 8) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

**Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:
Survey for County Hospitals and Health Care Facilities**

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Directions

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Survey

- 1) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. EMS facilities, hospitals and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

Yes, I believe we are short on generator capacity

- 2) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure serving your facilities (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

No, bridges are in
bad conditions

- 3) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support hospital functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

- 4) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for hospitals during hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

This training is offered
to the public.
But they do not take
advantage - Only during
or immediately after
a major disaster.

- 5) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support hospital functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

- 6) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services)?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

yes

- 7) Do you think that your hospital works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

I think they could
do more though

- 8) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

I have seen cases where I could say yes, and other where I would say no.

- 9) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

With budget restriction monies are harder to get

- 10) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

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Purpose

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Directions

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Survey

- 1.) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. fire stations, shelters, and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☐ NO ☒

CURRENTLY THE FIRE STATIONS WITHIN CATASAUGUS HAVE ALL BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH CRITICAL OR STRUCTURAL DEFICIENCIES ON A NORMAL EVERY DAY BASIS. MANY OF THE FACILITIES WERE BUILT AROUND 1960. NO FIRE STATIONS HAVE BACK UP POWER. THE EOC AND POLICE STATION DO NOT HAVE BACK UP POWER. OUR BELIEF IS THAT THESE FACILITIES WOULD EXPERIENCE GREAT DIFFICULTIES UNDER DISASTER CONDITIONS. PLANS HAVE BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR YEARS TO BUILD A NEW FIRE STATION BUT HAVE NEVER COME TO FRUITION.

- 2.) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

MOST OF THE BRIDGES IN CATASQUA OVER THE LEHIGH RIVER HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS DEFICIENT. AT LEAST ONE LEHIGH RIVER CROSSING WILL BE CLOSED AT ANY GIVEN TIME THROUGH 2016 FOR REPAIR OR TO RECONSTRUCT THE BRIDGES. ALSO DURING A RECENT FLOODING EVENT, 4 OUT OF 5 CATASQUA CREEK BRIDGES WERE CLOSED DUE TO FLOODING. THE CATASQUA CREEK BRIDGE HAS ALSO BEEN IDENTIFIED AS DEFICIENT AT RACE ST.

- 3.) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support fire department functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

DUE TO FAILURES ON THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM CATASQUA HAS EXPERIENCED MULTI-HOUR ~~OUTAGES~~ ^{OUTAGES} ALSO LARGE AGING TREES ARE COMMON IN CATASQUA THREATENING ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION AND TELEPHONE WIRES. OUTAGES HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY ICE STORMS, HEAVY SNOWFALL AND HIGH WINDS.

- 4.) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for fire departments during hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

THE CATASAUQUA FIRE DEPT. CONDUCTS ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES IN OUR SCHOOLS. IN ADDITION SCHOOLS AND OTHER ORGANIZATION REQUESTS ARE ACCOMMODATED WHEN POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION IN COOPERATION WITH OUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY A PREPAREDNESS FAIR IS HELD EVERY FEW YEARS. THESE EVENTS HAVE BEEN WELL ATTENDED BUT HAVE NOT BEEN MORE FREQUENT DUE TO COST AND AVAILABILITY OF MANPOWER. ALTHOUGH NOT ABLE TO GAUGE THEIR IMPACTS THESE PAST EVENTS HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED AND WELL ATTENDED. THE PREPAREDNESS FAIR HAS BEEN USED AS A BENCHMARK IN OUR AREA BY LARGER MUNICIPALITIES. IN ADDITION, THROUGH OUR EMA WE HAVE INCREASED THE USE OF THEIR WEBSITE, AND SOCIAL MEDIA INCLUDING FACEBOOK, TWITTER, TUMBLR AND NIXE.

- 5.) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support fire department functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

I BELIEVE WE HAVE GOTTEN BETTER WITH ROAD CLOSURES. AGAIN WE HAVE NO REAL WAY TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF OUR EFFORTS. THROUGH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA EFFORTS IN THE CATASAUQUA POLICE, FIRE AND EMA WE HAVE BEGUN USING OUR SOCIAL MEDIA TO MAKE THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS. IN FACT DURING THE RECENT PINE ST. BRIDGE CLOSURE OUR SOCIAL MEDIA HITS ROSE BY A COUPLE OF HUNDRED IN ONE DAY.

- 6.) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services)?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

I DON'T BELIEVE THE PUBLIC HAS GOTTEN TO WHERE WE NEED THEM IN THIS EFFORT. WE EMPLOY A SIREN SYSTEM, SOCIAL MEDIA, MIXED MESSAGING AND A REVERSE 911 THROUGH THE BOROUGH WATER DEPT. ALTHOUGH WE CAN REACH A COUPLE OF HUNDRED PEOPLE THROUGH THIS MESSAGING, I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE REACHED THE SEVERAL THOUSAND WE NEED. DURING A RECENT BUIL WATER EVENT WE DID GET SOME LIMITED POSITIVE FEED BACK BUT WE HAVE A WAY TO GO HERE ALSO DURING THIS EVENT WE EMPLOYED THE USE OF DOOR TO DOOR FLYERS. SINCE WE HAVE ALSO IMPLEMENTED A SYSTEM OF MANUAL DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION USING NEWSPAPER VENDING BOXES.

- 7.) Do you think that your agency/organization works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

I BELIEVE THROUGH OUR EMA WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER MECHANISMS WE HAVE MADE HEADWAY BUT MUCH WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE TO INCREASE OUR EFFORTS TO WHERE THEY SHOULD BE. LIKE THE PREPAREDNESS FAIR OUR EFFORTS ARE LIMITED BY COST AND AVAILABLE MANPOWER AND THE DEMAND ON OUR TIME BY OTHER PRESSING CONCERNS.

10.) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS WE HAVE MADE GREAT STRIDES IN MOVING FORWARD. FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO GET TO WHERE WE NEED TO BE ARE HAMPED BY TIME AND MONEY. WE ARE IN A MUCH BETTER POSITION THAN WE WERE YEARS AGO BUT I ENVISION A BETTER SITUATION MOVING FORWARD. I BELIEVE WE CAN HANDLE REASONABLY SCALED DISASTERS INDEPENDENT OUT OUTSIDE HELP BUT LARGE SCALE DISASTERS SUCH AS TOTAL EVACUATIONS OR COMPLETE DEVIATION ARE BEYOND OUR MEANS AND WOULD TAX OUR GREATEST STRIDES WE HAVE MADE TO DATE. IN ADDITION THE FIRE DEPT. OPERATES WITH 2 FRONT LINE PIECES OF APPARATUS 35 YEARS OLD, OUTDATED STATIONS AND NO MAJOR SOURCES OF BACKUP POWER.

11.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☒ NO ☒

Comments:

I BELIEVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS HAZARD MITIGATION BUT LACKS THE MONEY TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS. WE HAVE A WISH LIST IDENTIFIED BUT LACK THE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT IT. WE HAVE HAD NO LUCK OBTAINING GRANTS TO FURTHER ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION.

12.) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

AT THIS TIME A COOP IS BEING DEVELOPED BUT NOT YET
IMPLEMENTED.

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Purpose

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Directions

Please review and answer the following questions regarding potential mitigation that affects schools and other educational facilities in the Lehigh Valley. Please check "Yes", "No" or "Unsure". **If you indicate "No", please tell us why.** Provide as much detail as possible to support your choice in the Comments box. Feel free to attach extra sheets if necessary. Where possible, identify specific areas (locations, facilities, programs, policies, etc.) that need to be improved, and your suggestions for possible improvements. **If there are other important issues that you feel are not covered by the survey questions, please let us know.**

Survey

- 1) Do you believe that your facilities and associated infrastructure are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

The buildings are all concrete and steel with a back-up generator for each of the major buildings.

- 2) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure serving your facilities (e.g. roads and bridges) are properly designed to withstand closures and/or damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

We only have limited access to the facility. Route 309 and Sand Spring/Orchard Road. If something would prevent a means of access or egress on either route, that would cut access to the facility in half.

- 3) Do you think that the utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) is sufficiently disaster-resistant to support school functions during and after natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ ~~UNSURE ☒~~

As stated previously, each of the major buildings has a generator. Communications are adequate with Ironton Phone Company the supplier of the land-lines, we have cellular phones, and two-way radios to communicate with other college personnel.

The only problem would be two-way radio communication with Lehigh County or any other responding agency.

- 4) If your facilities are ARC-designated shelters, do you believe they are adequately designed and equipped to support sheltering during and after natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

Are gymnasium is. It was used for the hepatitis innoculations in 1991.

- 5) Do you think that weather forecasts and announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support school operation and student transportation decisions in the event of natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

- 6) Do you believe that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

Schnecksville Fire Department is well equipped, and they conduct periodic tours of the campus to familiarize themselves with the layout. The college has an Emergency Response Plan in place.

- 7) Do you believe that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

North Whitehall is very good in this regard, and the county is excellent.

- 8) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

I would hope so, but I am unsure.

Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Survey for Law Enforcement

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Survey

- 1.) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. jails, police stations, detention centers, and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

The facility was constructed in 2001 and includes a back-up generator.

There have been no flooding issues to date - a large detention pond was constructed adjacent to the PD for mitigation.

- 2.) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

Several areas are low lying and in the vicinity of streams which flood during heavy rainstorms.

Also, road maintenance as well as construction technique may pose a problem.

- 3.) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

Routinely yes, however there have been instances where they were overwhelmed during storms.

Most traffic signals are not equipped with back-up power.

- 4.) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for law enforcement during hazard events?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

Although it is clear that never will all adhere to advice.

- 5.) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

A more rapid, centralized location (website) as well as notification through silent dispatch directly to police patrol is needed.

- 6.) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services, NYAlert)?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

A limited portion of population. County should have information as to percentage of population that does.

Older population more likely to not take advantage of these systems.

- 7.) Do you think that your agency/organization works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

Provide informative newsletter and website.

8.) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

Preparations can always be made, but a natural disaster will overburden everything.

In the past, major flooding events have prevented patrol vehicles from reaching portions of the eastern part of the Township.

Must continue to work to improve – ongoing.

9.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

But must continue to work to maintain and improve.

10.) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

Mahlenberg
College
Allentown

**Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:
Survey for School Districts and Higher Education**

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Purpose

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Directions

Please review and answer the following questions regarding potential mitigation that affects schools and other educational facilities in the Lehigh Valley. Please check "Yes", "No" or "Unsure". **If you indicate "No", please tell us why.** Provide as much detail as possible to support your choice in the Comments box. Feel free to attach extra sheets if necessary. Where possible, identify specific areas (locations, facilities, programs, policies, etc.) that need to be improved, and your suggestions for possible improvements. **If there are other important issues that you feel are not covered by the survey questions, please let us know.**

Survey

- 1) Do you believe that your facilities and associated infrastructure are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

While we have not experienced direct natural hazards to facilities, we believe our infrastructure is properly located and constructed. We continue to review our ability to provide back-up power to all facilities for an extended period of time. The type of disaster would be a factor in this as well.

- 2) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure serving your facilities (e.g. roads and bridges) are properly designed to withstand closures and/or damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

There are several roadways into our facility which are wide and appear to be properly designed to withstand closure, partial closures and/or damage and still allow for access to the facilities.

- 3) Do you think that the utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) is sufficiently disaster-resistant to support school functions during and after natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

This remains an unknown due to these specific infrastructures being located above ground. We have experienced long power outages in facilities not covered by back-up power which resulted in an impact to operations to accommodate those without power over long periods of time (over 12 hours and/or days). The type of disaster would be a factor in this as well.

- 4) If your facilities are ARC-designated shelters, do you believe they are adequately designed and equipped to support sheltering during and after natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

While our facilities are not ARC-designated, we feel that we do have facilities that are adequately designed to support sheltering during and after natural hazard events for our facility and could possibly be used for outside sheltering as well. One issue could be having adequate resources to support sleeping arrangements.

- 5) Do you think that weather forecasts and announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support school operation and student transportation decisions in the event of natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

Weather forecasts and announcements are provided to us via news media as well as Allentown Police when critical issues arise. On occasions information on road closing and openings are delayed and thus can be inaccurate. Notice of road closures for maintenance and repair or special events are not always well publicized.

- 6) Do you believe that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

while we are aware of training and planning done on a large scale by local and county level agencies for various disasters, it is unknown whether there are adequate resources (personnel and equipment) on the city and county level to manage and respond properly to a natural disaster in the community. It would be dependant on the size of the disaster.

- 7) Do you believe that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

While local government understands and supports efforts for risk reduction to natural hazards, it is unknown with budget constraints whether they possess the resources necessary to assist in risk reduction efforts in the community.

- 8) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

Our facility has an emergency operations plan which helps to respond and evaluate the needs in a variety of situations in order to maintain a level of functionality for most situations. This plan also provides for a framework of how our facility would operate in the event some personnel are unavailable during a given situation

**Lehigh Valley Hazards Mitigation Plan Update:
Survey for County Firefighters**

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Purpose

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Directions

Please review and answer the following questions regarding potential mitigation that affects fire departments in the Lehigh Valley. Please check “Yes” or “No”. **If you indicate “No”, please tell us why.** Provide as much detail as possible to support your choice in the Comments box. Feel free to attach extra sheets if necessary. Where possible, identify specific areas (locations, facilities, programs, policies, etc.) that need to be improved, and your suggestions for possible improvements. Please mark locations/facilities on the map provided. **If there are other important issues that you feel are not covered by the survey questions, please let us know.**

Survey

- 1.) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. fire stations, shelters, and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES

NO

- 2.) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES

NO

Comments:

- 3.) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support fire department functions during natural hazard events?

YES

NO

Comments:

I do not think that the utility infrastructure is disaster-resistant because we have had issues with power loss during storms that weren't exactly "disaster strength." Also our communication systems have no back-up plan. If we were to lose the ability to use our mobile, base, and portable radios to talk to the communication center, we would not know what emergency calls are pending and where the emergencies are located. I think there should be a two way communication ability between field units and the 911 center via the internet to be able to exchange information (e.g. call locations, field unit status). Using cell and landline phones would clog up the phone queue, prohibiting the 911 center to answer priority 911 incidents. It would also cause more stress on the already taxed 911 operator. Not only would the internet give us a second means of communication, but it would also free up some of the radio traffic for companies operation at a priority incident.

- 4.) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for fire departments during hazard events?

YES NO

Comments:

I do not know of any *local* public education or awareness program that is in place. The general public needs to be educated about **when to call** for assistance and **when not to call**. They also need to be provided the correct non-emergency numbers for police/fire/EMS. I believe it would also be helpful to advise the residents that response times during a large scale natural disaster will be prolonged due to high call volume and low staffing. Our resources most likely will become exhausted very rapidly and at times will rely on a first come first serve basis. Most of the public knows to stock pile food and drink if there is a chance of a bad storm. What they regret to take inventory of is batteries for am/fm radios, and flashlights. There also aren't many residents that have generators to assist them in the event of a loss of power. Residents need to be aware that resources are available however it may take time to get the resources to the consumer.

- 5.) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support fire department functions during natural hazard events?

YES NO

Comments:

No, as it stands, road closures are only tracked through Knowledge Center and memory of the 911 dispatchers (who do not have access to knowledge center). Then it relies of the dispatcher to notify each responding unit of the road closures.

My suggestion to the problem would be for the 911 center to track road closures through the InterAct GIS mapping system. Roads that are closed would flash on the screen to signify that the road is not crossable. It would be extremely convenient if that same map was accessible on each responding unit. The technology is available, it a matter of using it to its potential and giving access to the people who need access.

- 6.) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services)?

YES NO

Comments:

The Notify Northampton County program is an untapped resource. The general public does not know that the program even exists. Those that do know about the program and are enrolled do not know how to utilize it to get the information they need. The program can be confusing at times, perhaps we can work to simplify it and make it more user friendly. It has the capability to be very effective.

Reverse 911 is becoming a technology of the past. Reverse 911 has two flaws, it can only notify residents that have a land based telephone, and then that individual resident needs to be home to receive the message. More and more people are doing away with land based telephones and strictly using cell service which will eventually make reverse 911 obsolete.

- 7.) Do you think that your agency/organization works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES NO

Comments:

No. Us as volunteers already donate a lot of time to training, community events, fire prevention, and operating at emergency scenes. I think the responsibility of informing the public should be done by another party that has more knowledge of what actually occurs during a natural disaster. These same people would then have the ability to answer and questions that may arise.

10.) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES

NO

Comments:

However those same resources may not be available to the consumer in a timely manner.

11.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES

NO

Comments:

12.) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES NO

Comments:

I don't know what COOP or COG are.

**Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:
Survey for County Emergency Medical Service Providers**

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Purpose

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Survey

- 1) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. EMS facilities, hospitals and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Comments:

- 2) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

☒ YES

☐ NO

Comments:

- 3) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support EMS functions during natural hazard events?

☐ YES

☒ NO

Comment: I believe our radio communications would be difficult during a large scale event. Currently when the dispatch center is busy on a normal day radio communication is difficult due to large amount of radio traffic. Is there a backup plan for communicating among agencies with one person reporting back to the county 911 center updates? Perhaps in a disaster type situation the stations could be manned with a station appointed dispatch person who would receive the faxed rip and run from the county and then notify to crews as to what location they are needed next. I do not know if this would affect workers' comp without an official dispatch. Although I am not sure how this communication would work effectively if cell towers would go down.

- 4) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for EMS during hazard events?

YES

NO

Comments:

I do not believe the residents are educated as to what to do, where to go, who to call and when to call for assistance in the event of a disaster.

They should be educated before a disaster occurs that resources become very taxed during a large scale event and they should only call if necessary with the understanding response time may be long. Also, if it is unsafe for the crews to response they will be kept at station until safe for them to respond. Through education to the public as to staying off the roads, away from running water, seek shelter, stock up on food, water and batteries for flashlights. Do not use candles due to fire hazard.

- 5) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support EMS functions during natural hazard events?

YES

NO

Comments:

Again, as stated above radio communications are difficult during a disaster so I do not feel information regarding road closures and hazards will be able to be communicated to EMS crews responding.

- 6) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services)?

YES

NO

Comments:

I do not believe our residents are aware of the tools available (such as stated above) to them which would help notify them of an emergency, keep them informed as updates occur throughout the emergency and tell them where they can go for assistance during the emergency. Also, I do not believe they are aware of who to contact after an emergency disaster situation for financial assistance.

- 7) Do you think that your EMS company works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES

NO

Comments:

I believe we as an organization together with our EMA can hold educational meetings, create flyers, posters and possibly a help/information line for residents to contact for questions and education purposes for a disaster.

- 8) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES

NO

Comments:

- 9) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES

NO

Comments:

10) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES NO

Comments:

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Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Survey for Law Enforcement

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Survey

- 1.) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. jails, police stations, detention centers, and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES NO UNSURE

Comments: The Colonial Regional Police Headquarters was a renovated State Farm Insurance Claims Center. It is a one story structure with no basement. It is my understanding the structure was constructed to withstand hurricane conditions. It is equipped with an emergency generator. The facility is equipped to house on duty officers if necessary. I can offer no information on any of the other facilities.

- 2.) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES (NO) UNSURE

Comments:

I do not believe that the local bridges over the Monocracy Creek could withstand high water containing debris.

- 3.) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES NO (UNSURE)

Comments:

- 4.) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for law enforcement during hazard events?

YES (NO) UNSURE

Comments:

There is a limited audience if notification is done in the school system. A community reverse 911 would be more effective in an immediate need for notation.

- 5.) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES (NO) UNSURE

Comments:

Public announcements on the radio and television are often not timely Information.

- 6.) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services, NYAlert)?

YES (NO) UNSURE

Comments:

I believe the public is aware however assumes nothing of a catastrophic Nature could occur in our community.

- 7.) Do you think that your agency/organization works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES (NO) UNSURE

Comments:

More public education is needed.

8.) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

(YES) NO UNSURE

Comments:

9.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

(YES) NO UNSURE

Comments:

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(YES) NO UNSURE

Comments:

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Survey

- 1.) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. jails, police stations, detention centers, and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

Our police station is relatively new, fairly well-constructed, and centrally located. We have the ability to connect a generator to a portion of our station's electric but it would be insufficient to even do the most basic of police functions.

- 2.) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

The roads are in pretty good shape. There are many creeks and streams running under some low, old bridges that could cause a problem. Detours might have to be made but overall, it could be dealt with. One of our main roads is near a river.

- 3.) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

There is an electric substation in our area and occasionally outages have knocked out power to most of our traffic signals. This requires time and manpower to deal with when it could be better spent elsewhere.

Communications can sometimes be an issue when our main channel with the communication center goes down as our geographic location does not permit communication on the back up channel.

- 4.) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for law enforcement during hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

The public seems to call only for issues that need attention, indicating the programs are working.

- 5.) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

- 6.) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services, NYAlert)?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

I do not believe there has been enough publicity about the services available and how to get them.

- 7.) Do you think that your agency/organization works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

Probably not enough information disseminated before the fact, only once it's occurring.

8.) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

9.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

10.) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

**Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Survey for Business/Commerce**

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Purpose

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Directions

Please review and answer the following questions regarding potential mitigation that affects businesses and commercial interests in the Lehigh Valley. Please check "Yes", "No" or "Unsure". **If you indicate "No", please tell us why.** Provide as much detail as possible to support your choice in the Comments box. Feel free to attach extra sheets if necessary. Where possible, identify specific areas (locations, facilities, programs, policies, etc.) that need to be improved, and your suggestions for possible improvements. **If there are other important issues that you feel are not covered by the survey questions, please let us know.**

Survey

- 1) Do you believe that your facilities are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☒ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

THE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING IS LOCATED IN
THE FLOOD PLAIN. IT IS PROPERLY CONSTRUCTED
BUT THERE IS NO GENERATOR IN THE EVENT
POWER IS LOST. YES AS FAR AS CONSTRUCTION
NO AS FAR AS POWER BACK-UP

- 2) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards, and thus provides longterm support for your business and commercial needs?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

THE ROADS OUT CREEKS & THE TWP BOTTL
TWP AND PENN-DOT ROADS CONSTANTLY
FLOOD OUT WHEN HEAVY RAINS OCCUR.

- 3) Do you think that the utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support your business and commercial needs?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

THE ABILITY OF THE UTILITY PROVIDERS TO
KNOW WHAT BUSINESSES ARE CRITICAL TO
THE COMMUNITY IE GOVERNMENT & CRITICAL
CARE CERTAINLY WOULD HELP IN TIMES
OF EMERGENCIES

- 4) Do you believe that natural hazard risks (e.g. flood zones) are considered when developing or expanding commercial or industrial areas?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

OUR FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE PROHIBITS ANY
BUILDING IN BOTH THE 100 + 500 YEAR
FLOOD ZONE

- 5) Do you believe that business organizations/associations, chambers of commerce, etc., are a valuable resource in helping business owners protect themselves pre-disaster, and /or recover post-disaster?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

THESE ORGANIZATIONS NEED TO HAVE A
PLAN IN PLACE IN CASE OF A DISASTER
EVENT HITS THE AREA.

- 6) Do you believe that businesses are aware and take appropriate advantage of flood insurance and other resources to help them recover from disasters?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

MOST BUSINESS THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE
FLOOD PLAIN HAVE ALL AWARE OF WHAT
THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE IN ORDER FOR
THEM TO RECOVER FROM A DISASTER.

- 7) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters that may impact your business or commercial interests?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

OUR EMERGENCY OPERATORS PLAN RESOURCE
MANUAL HAS NAMES, ADDRESSES & PHONE
NUMBERS FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS IN
THE EVENT MAN-POWER & RESOURCES ARE
NEEDED

- 8) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

My local Govt Understands the Needs & Supports
& Possess the Need For Resources But the
Lack of other officials in the Valley
Knowing these Rules Leaves this as a
YES & NO ISSUE

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Survey

- 1.) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. fire stations, shelters, and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☐ NO ☒

2.) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☐ *unknown*

Comments:

3.) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support fire department functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

- 4.) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for fire departments during hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

- 5.) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support fire department functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

6.) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services)?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

7.) Do you think that your agency/organization works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

10.) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

11.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

12.) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

Emmans Amb Corp

**Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:
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Survey

- 1) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. EMS facilities, hospitals and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

WE HAVE generator power For essentials
@ EMS station, Hospitals I believe
have back-up generators. WE HAVE
NO Local Shelters with BACK-UP power!

- 2) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

BASED ON RECENT BRIDGE & STRUCTURE STUDIES ON LOCAL ROADS/BRIDGES, I BELIEVE WE COULD HAVE ISSUES. NORMAL WEAR/TEAR HAS EFFECTIVE STRUCTURAL STRENGTH, ABLE TO WITHSTAND 100 MPH SUSTAINED WINDS, EARTHQUAKES?

- 3) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support EMS functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Power goes down, communications go down, Recent storms NO land lines, NO Internet, NO cable. cell service limited & overloaded. Verizon cell was working because they had back-up generators

- 4) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for EMS during hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

What Education ?

- 5) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support EMS functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

During major storm in October,
Trees, Lines down, access to
Patient's homes were compromised.
Respond, SEE, Detour, extended Response
times

- 6) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services)?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

Monthly Testing of Sirens, education, have fallen by wayside. Public pressure too much noise, upsets my kids, comments from general public. For systems to work, people need education.

- 7) Do you think that your EMS company works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

We have list of Resident's who need special consideration. Individuals on O₂, mobility issues. During Emergency situations we check with them & give them updates, & assistance as needed.

- 8) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

No!

- 9) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

WEAK EMA system on local level due to govt funding or seriousness of situations.

Preparedness = \$ - poor Economy NO
Funding!

- 10) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments:

WERE COVERED by Dedicated Department
HEADS who work to ensure safety
of RESIDENT'S

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YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

All PSP stations in Northampton & Lehigh Counties are disaster resistant & have back-up power.

2.) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

3.) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

4.) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for law enforcement during hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

Not enough local public education's awareness
not distributed prior to a disaster

- 5.) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

Most occurrences are found by the Police officers working the roads & highways first. I believe the announcements serve little purpose for the Police officers

- 6.) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services, NYAlert)?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

I don't think the Public is aware of some of the technologies that currently exist & are not familiar with emergency protocol.

- 7.) Do you think that your agency/organization works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

Yes, but can do a better job informing the Public thru Bill's & Radio media.

8.) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

9.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

VARIES per local government.

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YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

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YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments: LOWER MILFORD STATION 41 (POLICE) IS SERVED WITH A BACK-UP DIESEL GENERATOR. IT POWERS THE STATION AND ADJOINING EMERGENCY MGMT ROOM, AS WELL AS PORTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING. THE BUILDING AND ITS FACILITIES ARE CENTRALLY LOCATED WITHIN THE AREA IT SERVES AND IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR TEMPORARY SHELTER WITH LAVATORY AND SHOWER FACILITIES.

- 2.) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments: RECENT ROAD AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS TO STATE ROADS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THE PAST FIVE YEARS AS WELL AS MAINTAINANCE TO TOWNSHIP ROADWAYS REGULARLY.

- 3.) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments: DURING RECENT WEATHER RELATED EVENTS COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE FROM LOCAL UTILITIES WAS SATISFACTORY.

- 4.) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for law enforcement during hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments: LAST FALL THE COUNTY EMA SENT A REP TO THE TOWNSHIP FALL FESTIVAL TO PROVIDE AN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO THE PUBLIC. IT WAS WELL RECIEVED BUT FURTHER PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE ABOVE COULD BE BENEFICIAL IF AVAILABLE.

- 5.) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

- 6.) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services, NYAlert)?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

- 7.) Do you think that your agency/organization works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments: WE HAVE A SMALL STAFF, YET DURING AN EMERGENCY ALL HANDS ARE AVAILABLE SHOULD THE NEED ARISE TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF ANY EMERGENCY.

8.) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

9.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

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YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

Emmanuel Ponce DEPT.

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YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

* BACK-UP POWER SOURCES ARE NOT
READILY AVAILABLE.

- 2.) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

* A QUESTION FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND STREETS EXPERTS TO WEIGH IN ON.

- 3.) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

* MOST LIKELY ARE COMPLIANT IN THE 911 CENTER, NOT CERTAIN ABOUT ALL OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES BUILDINGS.

- 4.) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for law enforcement during hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

* NOT ENTIRELY CERTAIN TO WHAT EXTENT OR LEVEL "PUBLIC EDUCATION" HAS BEEN TASKED WITH "INFORMING THE PUBLIC."

- 5.) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

* Our municipality can issue
A "one call" to all residents
and businesses.

- 6.) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services, NYAlert)?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

- 7.) Do you think that your agency/organization works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

* Somewhat !

8.) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

* SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT ARE NOT ALWAYS 100% "ADEQUATE" DURING MOST DISASTER INCIDENTS.

9.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

* ALTHOUGH MAY NOT "POSSESS ALL THE RESOURCES."

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YES ☒ NO ☐

2.) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

3.) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support fire department functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

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YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

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YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

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YES ☒ NO ☐

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YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

11.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

Not Any More

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YES ☒ NO ☐

IN SOME CASES. HOWEVER NOT ALL
CASES!

- 2.) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☒

Comments:

No, ~~the~~ NOT THE BRIDGES, and in some cases not the through roads.

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YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

- 4.) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for fire departments during hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

- 5.) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support fire department functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments:

IN MOST OF THE CASES-YES

- 6.) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services)?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments:

THE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDS LITTLE ABOUT
EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION EXCEPT
WHAT IS PUT ON THE TV.

- 7.) Do you think that your agency/organization works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments:

WE DON'T HAVE A FORMAL PROGRAM TO
DO THAT. PERHAPS A COUNTY LEVEL
FORMAL PROGRAM WOULD BE HELPFUL
SO AS TO KEEP THESE PROGRAMS
UNIFORM.

10.) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

11.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments:

NOT ALWAYS, AS POLITICIANS DON'T
THINK OUTSIDE OF THE BOX.

12.) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

**Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:
Survey for School Districts and Higher Education**

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Survey

- 1) Do you believe that your facilities and associated infrastructure are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

- BACKUP generator
- Steel & brick CONSTRUCTION
- Lg bathroom facilities
- Lg gym + LAKE AVE

- 4) If your facilities are ARC-designated shelters, do you believe they are adequately designed and equipped to support sheltering during and after natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

- Not sure if buildings are ARC designed
- Steel & brick structures engineered by architects.
- District is equipped to operate with no power during outages.

- 5) Do you think that weather forecasts and announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support school operation and student transportation decisions in the event of natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

- Weather radios
- Contacts @ Board & Townships for road conditions

- 8) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

- Not Sure
- We HAVE had risk assessments completed.
but NOT familiar with COOP/COG plans

If you have any questions -

Greg Dett

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**Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Survey for Utilities**

PPL IEC

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Purpose

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Directions

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Survey

- 1) Do you believe that your facilities and infrastructure are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located, constructed, and protected from damage from natural hazards)?

YES x NO UNSURE

Comments:

- 2) Do you believe that your facilities and infrastructure have sufficient redundancy and/or are sufficiently networked to provide a minimal level of service to your customers (esp. critical and essential services such as police, fire, hospitals) in the event that you suffer damage/loss to your equipment?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

- 3) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as to reduce their reliance on your services during hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

We have an extensive public education program but are looking for ways to improve.

- 4) Do you think that announcements of utility outages and service restoration schedules are sufficiently accurate and available to support the needs of emergency management, as well as owners/operators of critical and essential facilities?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

Temporary outage of PPL IEC facilities should have little or no impact on emergency management or critical facilities.

- 5) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services, NYAlert)?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

PPLIEC promotes the use of 911 and the public appears to be aware of the 911 system.

- 6) Do you think that vegetation management programs (e.g. tree trimming and removal) are sufficient to manage the risk of utility outages during natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

PPLIEC operates a buried pipeline and vegetation management issues are not likely to cause an outage. Vegetation management is important for patrolling and emergency access to the pipeline, and PPLIEC is becoming more aggressive in clearing the right of ways.

- 7) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

PPLIEC promotes the use of 911 and the public appears to be aware of the 911 system.

- 8) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES NO UNSURE x

Comments:

Some agencies are probably better equipped than others. PPLIEC is willing to work with local agencies to help them reduce the hazards associated with pipelines.

- 9) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES NO UNSURE

Comments:

Not applicable

BATH BOROUGH AUTHORITY

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May 15, 2012

Thomas R. Petrucci
Borough Manager
Borough of Bath
Hand Delivered

Dear Mr. Petrucci,

I passed on the survey to Phil Shunk Jr., Plant Operator to complete the survey.
I have attached the survey, should you require more detailed information please
contact the Authority Office.

David S. Stack
Bath Borough Authority

Rec'd hand-deliv'd
from Bath Borough Authority
Tues. 5/15/2012 @ 2:50 pm.

CMP

Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Survey for Utilities

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Survey

- 1) Do you believe that your facilities and infrastructure are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located, constructed, and protected from damage from natural hazards)?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

- 2) Do you believe that your facilities and infrastructure have sufficient redundancy and/or are sufficiently networked to provide a minimal level of service to your customers (esp. critical and essential services such as police, fire, hospitals) in the event that you suffer damage/loss to your equipment?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

- 3) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as to reduce their reliance on your services during hazard events?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

- 4) Do you think that announcements of utility outages and service restoration schedules are sufficiently accurate and available to support the needs of emergency management, as well as owners/operators of critical and essential facilities?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

- 5) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services, NYAlert)?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

- 6) Do you think that vegetation management programs (e.g. tree trimming and removal) are sufficient to manage the risk of utility outages during natural hazard events?

☒ YES

☐ NO

☐ UNSURE

Comments:

- 7) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

☒ YES

☐ NO

☐ UNSURE

Comments:

- 8) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

- 9) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES

NO

UNSURE

Comments:

**Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Survey for Law Enforcement**

Coopersburg
Police

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Purpose

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Directions

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Survey

- 1.) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. jails, police stations, detention centers, and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

- 2.) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

PA Bridges Are in need of Repair As
They sit. I do not believe most could
with stand A Natural Hazard.

- 3.) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

- 4.) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for law enforcement during hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

- 5.) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

- 6.) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services, NYAlert)?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

I don't believe people want to take the time to get involved.

- 7.) Do you think that your agency/organization works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

8.) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

9.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

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YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

DeSales
University

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Survey

- 1) Do you believe that your facilities and associated infrastructure are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

Back-up power supports evacuation only and not continuity of operations.



- 2) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure serving your facilities (e.g. roads and bridges) are properly designed to withstand closures and/or damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

During the Halloween snow fall 3 of 4 access/egress routes to campus were blocked due to: (a) wire fall; or (b) tree fall; or (c) snow fall.

- 3) Do you think that the utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) is sufficiently disaster-resistant to support school functions during and after natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Power loss here resulted in our sending the students home or to a hotel in Philly since we could not sustain heat and food service or H₂O supply.

- 4) If your facilities are ARC-designated shelters, do you believe they are adequately designed and equipped to support sheltering during and after natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

No back up power, though we are working on it. Grant ideas?

- 5) Do you think that weather forecasts and announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support school operation and student transportation decisions in the event of natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

- 6) Do you believe that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

- 7) Do you believe that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

- 8) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance of agency *governance*.)

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

New Tripoli

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Survey for County Firefighters**

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Purpose

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Directions

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Survey

- 1.) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. fire stations, shelters, and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☒ NO ☐

- 4.) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for fire departments during hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments: I think that there is good public awareness
but not as to using fire department resources
unnecessarily

- 5.) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support fire department functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

10.) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

With the exception of utilities

11.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☒ NO ☐

Comments:

**Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update:
Survey for School Districts and Higher Education**

Southern
Lehigh

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Survey

- 1) Do you believe that your facilities and associated infrastructure are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

- 2) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure serving your facilities (e.g. roads and bridges) are properly designed to withstand closures and/or damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

- 3) Do you think that the utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) is sufficiently disaster-resistant to support school functions during and after natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

- 4) If your facilities are ARC-designated shelters, do you believe they are adequately designed and equipped to support sheltering during and after natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments: *NA*

- 5) Do you think that weather forecasts and announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support school operation and student transportation decisions in the event of natural hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

- 6) Do you believe that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

- 7) Do you believe that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

- 8) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency functions, while COG activities support the continuance of agency governance.)

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments: A&L School District Administration
Participated in County NIMS training.

UPPER SAUCON TOWNSHIP POLICE
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CENTER VALLEY, PA 18034
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Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Survey for Law Enforcement

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Survey

- 1.) Do you think that critical and essential facilities (incl. jails, police stations, detention centers, and medical centers) are disaster-resistant (e.g. are properly located and constructed, and have back-up power as appropriate)?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

- 2.) Do you think that the transportation infrastructure (e.g. roads and bridges) is properly designed to withstand damage due to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

- 3.) Do you think that utility infrastructure (spec. electricity and communications) are sufficiently disaster-resistant to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE

Comments:

Storm of October 2011 showed that electrical infrastructure was inadequate. Numerous downed powerline caused many residents to be without power for several days. Also, the Sprint/Nextel system was not operating.

- 4.) Do you think that local public education and awareness programs are effective at informing the public on what they should do to be prepared for and reduce their personal risk to natural disasters, so as not to increase the need for law enforcement during hazard events?

YES ☒ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

- 5.) Do you think that announcements of road closures and pending road closures are sufficiently accurate and available to support law enforcement functions during natural hazard events?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

With no power, there is no way to communicate to the public.

- 6.) Do you think that the public is aware of, understands, and takes advantage of emergency warning and notification systems and services (reverse 911, audible alerts, cell and text services, NYAlert)?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

- 7.) Do you think that your agency/organization works to inform your constituents of how they can better manage their risk to natural hazards?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

8.) Do you think that emergency response planning, services, and equipment are adequate to manage and respond properly to natural disasters in your community?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

9.) Do you think that local government understands, supports, and possess the resources for natural hazard risk reduction efforts in the community?

YES ☐ NO ☒ UNSURE ☐

Comments:

10.) Is your agency covered by a COOP / COG plan? (Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government plans examine an agency's ability to perform minimum essential functions during any situation. COOP activities support the continuance of agency *functions*, while COG activities support the continuance

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☒

Comments:

**Northampton County COG's & Municipalities
Joint Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2011
Hellertown Borough Hall
685 Main Street
Hellertown, PA 18055**

Attendees:

Tom Harp	NC Director of Administration
Priscilla DeLeon	Lower Saucon Township
Tom Dittmar	NC Environmental Conservation Coordinator
Brian Harris	Bushkill Township
Cathy Kichline	Hellertown Borough
Carol Halper	Congressman Charlie Dent's Office
Mayor Desiree DeNicola	Roseto Borough
Gary Birks	Senator Pat Browne's Office
Bob Lammi	Palmer Township
Jim McGowan	Wilson Borough
Debra Seiple	East Allen Township
Suzann Gorman	Executive Secretary, NC Department of Administration
Bob Mateff	NC Director of Emergency Management Services (EMS)
Timm Tenges	Lower Nazareth Township
Alicia Miller Karner	NC Economic Developmental Administrator
Joe Laky	NC GIS Analyst
Angel Gillette	NC Hazard Litigation Disaster Recovery Manager, EMS
Carol Obando-Derstine	Senator Casey's Office
Victor Rodite	Slate Belt COG
John Orsini	Business Development Specialist, Sustainable Energy Fund
Ed Ingram	Saucon Valley Partnership, Board Director SVSD
Sharon Davis	Coordinator Hellertown Business Revitalization
Tom Ringer	Hellertown Borough

Welcome and Introductions

Tom Harp welcomed all attendees, thanking Cathy Kichline of Hellertown Borough for hosting the meeting and providing the facilities. Tom indicated that the minutes from the September 13, 2011, meeting had been sent electronically to all members, and to date, he had not been made aware of any necessary changes or clarifications. Attendees were requested to contact Tom should they wish to be added to the distribution list.

Kathy Kichline – Hellertown opened up Saucon Rail Trail last March. Huge impact, thousands of residents have been utilizing it. She attended hazardous mitigation with the County, and gaming authority meeting where Hellertown had applied for funds.

Gary Birks- Announced his retirement effective 12.31.11

Bob Lammi – The Miracle League project moving along well, with a groundbreaking ceremony yesterday.

Northampton County – Tom Harp reported that County Council passed a budget at the eleventh hour. It is underfunded due to not passing tax increase which would have required ½ mil tax increase. Council elected not to increase taxes, therefore it remains at 10.8 mils. There are many challenges in year ahead to stay within the budget. We may have to tap into reserves. Also in the upcoming year, Mr. Stoffa's priorities remain trying to get a lease worked out for the West Easton treatment center, obtain approval for the purchase of a building to store the county's archives, and the private management of Gracedale. We hope to see operational improvements in Gracedale from the private management company, as well as some cost saving measures so the facility can be self-sustaining and not require county subsidies.

There are three new council members coming on board in January. They are Scott Parsons from Slate Belt region replacing Ron Angle; Bob Warner in Easton, replacing Mike Dowd; and in the Bethlehem district, Ann McHale announced her retirement and will be replaced by Ken Kraft.

Last Monday in the rotunda, we kicked off a week of celebration for the Northampton County Historic Courthouse's 150th Anniversary. The outside of the old courthouse has been repainted and restored to look as it did back in 1861. In addition to the anniversary, the "Passport to History" program sponsored by the Northampton County Historical & Genealogical Society (NCHGS) was announced. Passport booklets are free and can be picked up at the courthouse, as well as at local historical societies. Visitors go to each site and get their passport stamped. The NCHGS hopes to continue the program annually.

Sustainable Energy Fund

Our guest speaker was John Orsini, Business Development Specialist for the Sustainable Energy Fund (SEF), a private non-profit organization that assists energy users in overcoming educational and financial barriers through sustainable energy futures. Formed in 1999 as result of deregulation of the electric industry in PA, it is one of five funds originally formed in PA as a social benefit funded by rate payors in the PPL territory. SEF promotes energy conservation and efficiency, alternative energy sources and renewable energy in the state of Pennsylvania through educational programs and an annual conference. It also funds a wide range of energy efficiency projects, such as solar electric projects, lighting projects, HVAC upgrades, retrofits, etc. Fund projects range from \$10,000 to \$1M. Energy efficiency is 'free' money. Act 129 was passed in 2008 and requires the utilities in PA to reduce consumption of electricity in their various territories by 1% by October of this year and by 3 % by October, 2013. Projects can be financed by energy savings.

DCED Update

Alicia Karner provided an overview of the DCED office. The primary vehicles that are used to facilitate economic development within communities are three authorities - General Purpose Authority, which focuses on financing for hospitals and higher end facilities; Industrial Development Authority, which assists manufacturer's and non-profits with tax-exempt financing; and the Gaming Authority which has just concluded and awarded all the restricted grants for 2011 and will be opening up a new round for the restricted or impact related grants for 2012 beginning in January. The uncommitted funds, which are open to all municipalities in Northampton County, will most likely open in the summer.

The region recently received a \$3.4M HUD Sustainability grant. Northampton County partnered with many entities including Lehigh County and the cities, non-profits like the Community Action for Lehigh Valley and the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation for that grant. The economic development and strategic planning process associated with it is of particular interest. Both Northampton and Lehigh Counties and other groups will be developing a strategic plan to

focus on sustainability. Significant focus on the cities, some on the boroughs and presumably adopted by the counties. There is also a Lehigh Valley land recycling initiative between the two counties that involves environmental assessment of brown field (vacant, dormant) properties.

Tom Dittmar provided an update on landfills and recycling. On Nov. 23 a letter was received from the DEP approving the 2010 Municipal Waste Management plan. 19 landfills have signed on to the plan. Solid Waste Advisory committee meeting will be held in January. Five e-cycling events over the last year collected over 102,000 lbs of e-cycling waste. Again, five events are scheduled for 2012 throughout Northampton County. A list will be going out with dates and locations shortly. Beginning in January, 2012 the only collection fee is for fluorescent bulbs and batteries. In 2012, we hope to double the collection and already anticipate a collection of over 200,000 lbs. of electronics. Next year's e-cycling events will begin at the Easton Area HS on May 19. Companies that take electronics are required to have an R2 certification to ensure they are disposed of properly. The 2012 Household Hazardous Waste event is scheduled for Oct. 6 at Northampton Community College. This year's event had over 1,123 cars come through and we collected over 100,000 lbs. of household hazardous waste and over 15,000 lbs. of car batteries. After 4 years of collecting, we are still seeing large volume of material. Another program we are looking into is a used tire collection. We need to identify a site and process. Volunteers are always welcomed at any event.

Geographical Information Services (GIS)

Joe Laky reported that last year a document certification ordinance was passed, and it requires that all documents going through recorder's office, such as deeds and mortgages, must be certified by the county GIS office. There is a \$10 charge for every parcel. Pictometry is a stand-alone software that provides an oblique, 45 degree angle of all sides of a parcel. The county is providing one Pictometry license per municipality. The data files for each municipality require a lot of storage space on the network. It is a great tool for various situations, including emergency management and zoning. Municipalities that have not as yet taken advantage of obtaining the Pictometry software may contact Joe at 610-

A census statute requires that the election districts conform to census block lines that are in the 2010 census. This leads to the possibility of redistricting eight municipalities. This would require a public meeting with Board of Elections to start the process.

Emergency Management Services

Bob Mateff reported that this year we have reached historic proportions in emergency management services for the county. Never before have we had six contiguous, consecutive or concurrent presidential disaster declarations in the county. Northampton was one of the few counties that were able to get all six declarations for the two storms, which included public and individual assistance for both. Tropical Storm Lee was the last storm and had the longest period for application meaning it was not just related to that storm. There was more damage sustained during the October snow storm. As a reminder, the snow policy for FEMA is different than the tropical storm/hurricane policy. The county must have a record or near record of at least 21" of snow to qualify for public or individual assistance. Municipalities spent a lot of money on debris removal and debris management and recovery for that storm.

There was a LPDM grant program given out last few months, generator grant offered to municipalities, fire departments, and public safety related fields. Working with FEMA, applications have gone in, once received who was successful who was not successful, that

information will be passed on. An interesting fact is that Northampton County received over \$2M worth of requests. We received feedback from all sectors of the county, water treatment plants, waste treatment plants, municipal buildings, fire departments, and EMS agencies. All information has been passed along to Congressman Dent's office to show that we had only \$350,000 to spend and now have \$2M worth of requests. This grant application was a huge success and simple to fill out.

Bob asked municipalities to remember the snow policy. Stay on top of record keeping in case of record snow fall. In such a case, we must produce records quickly, sometimes less than 48 hours.

An outreach goal for next year through the local emergency management coordinators is to catalog the buildings and apartments (not including assisted living facilities) that do not have an emergency plan. Experience has found that these type of facilities are woefully unprepared to respond to an emergency. It could be as simple as having a contractor on standby to bring a generator.

There has been a lot of change over recently with local coordinators and some local elected officials. In the beginning of the year a reminder will be sent out to municipalities to appoint a coordinator, as required by law, if they have not done so already. The training program that was released has been overhauled. That new information will be sent out as well.

Angel Gillette reported on the hazard mitigation plan and recovery efforts. Northampton County was recently notified that we finally met threshold (\$980,000) to get public assistance declaration for Tropical Storm Lee. An applicants' briefing is scheduled for this Thursday to get updates from PEMA and FEMA. Angel has been working on the county's hazard mitigation plan to identify future projects. It's a bi-county effort and with the help of Congressman Dent's office we have received a large grant to update the plan. We have contracted with a consultant who specializes in flood plain management and hazard mitigation. A recent pre kick-off meeting with municipalities was very well received. A lot of feedback received from municipalities indicating that they are taking their roles very seriously. This process will be ongoing next few months. Municipalities can help by promoting residents to fill out the Community Preparedness survey found on hazard mitigation plan webpage. This will help tailor the plan specifically to the hazards in each area.

Adjournment

Tom Harp once again thanked Cathy Kichline and Hellertown Borough for hosting today's meeting. He also thanked participants for attending, and our guest speakers for their informative presentations. He asked if there were any suggestions for next year's meetings and several people recommended that we reduce the meeting time to two hours. Gary Birks announced his retirement at the end of the year from Sen. Browne's office. We thanked Gary for his service, and wished him well.

The next Joint Meeting of Northampton County COG's and Municipalities will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at a location to be announced.

Minutes by Suzann Gorman

Reviewed by Tom Harp



LEHIGH VALLEY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

Welcome to the Stakeholder Workshop for the 2012 Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Please visit the Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Website by going to <http://www.nc911.org/> and selecting the “Hazard Mitigation” link, to:

- Learn more about hazard mitigation and this planning process
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- Review and provide input on draft sections of the Plan Update document

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The following worksheets are available hard-copy for you to complete:

- Stakeholder Group Mitigation Survey (Academic Institutions, Commerce and Business, Emergency Medical Services, Firefighters, Hospitals and Health Care, Law Enforcement, Utilities)
- Review of Mitigation Planning Goals



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Hazard Mitigation Plan 2012 Update

For Lehigh and Northampton Counties and
their Inclusive Municipalities

Presented by Tetra Tech EM Inc.

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What is Hazard Mitigation?

“Mitigation” -
Sustained action taken to
reduce or eliminate
long-term risk to life and property
from a hazard event

-Or-
Any action taken to
reduce future disaster losses

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Why are we Preparing these Plans?

- To reduce our losses from natural and non-natural hazards
- To make our communities more “disaster resistant”
- To maintain our eligibility for federal funds for pre-disaster mitigation planning
 - Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)
 - Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grant Program
 - Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program
 - Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program
 - Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) Program
 - Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) Program

A Local Mitigation Plan demonstrates a jurisdiction's commitment to reducing risks from natural hazards and serves as a guide for decision makers as they commit resources to minimize the effects of natural hazards.

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What does the All-Hazards Plan provide?

- A comprehensive, factual assessment of risk to support a comprehensive strategy to manage natural hazard risk
- A detailed action plan the two counties and communities will implement to reduce risk to natural hazards

“provides the blueprint for reducing the potential losses identified in the risk assessment, based on existing authorities, policies, programs and resources, and local ability...” (CFR).

- Coordination of mitigation efforts with other local, county, regional, state and federal entities
- Access to Federal Pre-Disaster Mitigation funding (5 funding programs)

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Show Me the Money!

- Grant funding can address both public and private property (residential, commercial, industrial, etc.)
- Grant funding typically covers 75% of project costs
- Eligible mitigation projects may already be identified in your long-term capital plans and budgets
- Projects often provide longterm reductions in municipal services costs
 - Emergency Response and Protective Services
 - Maintenance and repair of infrastructure
- Can fund post-disaster mitigation of damaged structures and infrastructure (404 and 406 funding)

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Who must have a “Plan” under Federal law?

- All “local governments”
 - States – Pennsylvania has a “Standard” Plan
 - Counties (for county assets)
 - Municipalities (cities, towns, villages)

The Lehigh Valley Plan and Update

- Lehigh and Northampton Counties and 56 of the 62 Municipalities developed their original HMP in 2005/6.
- The Final HMP (July 2006) was approved by FEMA in August 2006.
- By regulation, local HMPs must be formally updated, approved by FEMA, and adopted by all jurisdictions every 5 years.

Northampton County Division of Emergency Management Services and Lehigh County Emergency Services are facilitating this planning process, with the support and direction of the Lehigh Valley HMP Steering Committee and Tetra Tech, Inc.



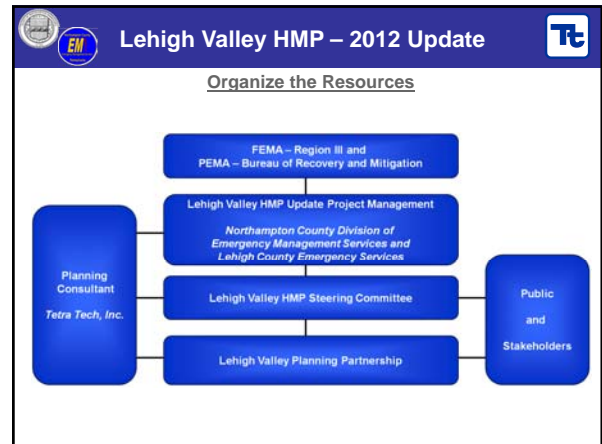
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Plan Update Process Steps

- Organize Resources
- Re-Assess the Risk
- Review and Update the Mitigation Plan
- Develop Procedures for Plan Implementation, Monitoring and Update
- PEMA / FEMA RIII Approval
- Adopt the Plan

Engage a Wide Range of "Stakeholders"

- Federal, State, Regional and Local Agencies
- Business and Civic Groups
- Academic Institutions
- Other "local governments"
- The Public



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Assess the Risk – Hazards of Concern Identification

Hazards of Concern - Those natural (and other) hazards that pose significant risk to the Planning Area – and we can address through mitigation rather than only through preparedness, response and recovery

- We want to review and update those "hazards of concern" that we will carry through the planning process
- Our effort should be proportional to the risk the hazards pose
- Each municipality has differing risk to the HOCs.
- DMA 2000 only requires us to natural hazards, however man-made and technological hazards shall be addressed as well.

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Natural Hazards of Concern

- Floods
- Winter Storms
- Tornadoes
- Sink Holes
- Droughts
- Wildfires
- Earthquakes
- Landslides
- Lightning
- Wind
- Hail
- Extreme Temperatures
- Radon

Man-Made and Technological Hazards

- Building or Structure Collapse
- Civil Disturbance
- Dam Failure
- Hazardous Materials Accident
- Nuclear Incidents
- Terrorism
- Transportation Accident
- Urban Fire and Explosion
- Utility Interruption

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Assess the Risk – Hazard Profiling

- Hazards are profiled (characterized) according to:
 - Designated Hazard Areas
 - Background and local conditions
 - Historic frequency and probability of occurrence
 - Historic losses and impacts
 - Severity

Assess the Risk - Inventory of Assets

What is at risk? People, Property, Economy, Environment

Critical Facilities (essential facilities, utilities, transportation features, high-potential loss facilities and user-defined facilities)

- Police, Fire, Emergency Services
- Hospitals and Medical Care Facilities
- Academic Facilities
- Sheltering Facilities
- Infrastructure (Transportation Systems, Utilities)
- High-Potential Loss Facilities (Dams, Military Installations, Haz-Mat)

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Assess the Risk – Vulnerability Assessment

Vulnerability Assessment - What do we predict our suffering to be if we do nothing further to mitigate our risk:


- Given current conditions, which have changed since 2006?
- Given our improved understanding of risk, and tools to assess that risk, which have changed since 2006?

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Update Hazard Mitigation Goals and Objectives

Goals: General guidelines that state what we want to achieve. Should be consistent with the State goals and other local goals.

Example: "Protect existing properties."

Objectives: Define strategies or implementation steps to attain a stated goal.

Example: "Enact or enforce regulatory measures that ensure new development will not increase flood threats to existing properties."

Actions: Specific activities that will achieve our goals and objectives and manage natural hazard risk

The Steering Committee shall be reviewing and updating the Plan Goals and Objectives. The counties and each municipality shall be reviewing and updating their Mitigation Action Plan.




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Identification and Analysis of Mitigation Actions

- Mitigation actions need to be realistic, achievable and action-oriented.
- Will include both regional actions, as well as jurisdiction-specific.
- Will address both public and private property.
- For each proposed mitigation strategy, the following will be identified:
 - Implementation timeline
 - Estimated cost
 - Estimated benefits (avoided losses)
 - Potential funding sources
 - Lead agency or department
 - Supporting agencies




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Types of Mitigation Actions

- **Prevention.** Measures such as planning and zoning, open space preservation, land development regulations, building codes, storm water management.
- **Property Protection.** Measures such as acquisition, relocation, storm shutters, rebuilding, barriers, floodproofing, insurance, and structural retrofits for high winds.
- **Public Education and Awareness.** Measures such as outreach projects, real estate disclosure, hazard information centers, technical assistance.
- **Natural Resource Protection.** Measures such as erosion and sediment control, stream corridor protection, vegetative management, and wetlands preservation.
- **Emergency Services.** Measures such as hazard threat recognition, hazard warning systems, emergency response, protection of critical facilities, and health and safety maintenance.
- **Structural Projects.** Measures such as dams, levees, seawalls, bulkheads, retaining walls, channel modifications, storm sewers, and retrofitted buildings and elevated roadways.



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Integration with Other Plans and Programs

The Hazard Mitigation Plan should complement and support other Plans and Regulatory Mechanisms

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans (CEMP)

Comprehensive / Master Plans (regional and local) – these plans guide and direct land use and development

Stormwater Management Plans (flood problem areas and potential solutions identified)

Capital Improvement Plans (some of these projects are grant eligible)

Higher Regulatory Standards (e.g. increased free-board, cumulative substantial damages)



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How can you stay involved in this planning process?

- Visit the LV Hazard Mitigation Plan website
 - Learn more about the planning process and mitigation grant programs
 - Review and provide comments on draft sections of the plan
- Complete Surveys
 - Stakeholder surveys, by stakeholder group (emailed or hard copy)
 - Citizen Hazard Preparedness and Mitigation Survey (online through public HMP Website)
- Assist with Mitigation Strategy development
 - Review Goals and Objectives (worksheet here)
 - Identify mitigation projects, actions and initiatives
- Participate in Today's Workshop



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When it comes to reducing our vulnerability to natural and man-made hazards:

- **Strengths** – What do we do well?
- **Weaknesses** – What do we need to improve?
- **Obstacles** – What stands in our way of mitigation?
This discussion leads to...
- **Opportunities** – which can be embodied in specific mitigation actions, project and initiatives

Remember, there are a variety of ways to effectively mitigate:

Prevention – Planning, zoning, codes, ordinances, regulations

Property Protection – Retrofits, acquisition, hardening, insurance

Public Education and Awareness – Outreach, information, disclosure

Natural Resource Protection – Stream and wetlands protection, vegetative management

Emergency Services – Recognition and warning systems, emergency response, protection of critical facilities

Structural Projects – Drainage improvements, elevating or retrofitting infrastructure, retaining walls



LEHIGH VALLEY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

Meeting Date: Monday, March 26, 2011 - 1:00 pm
Location: Northampton Community College, Fowler Center

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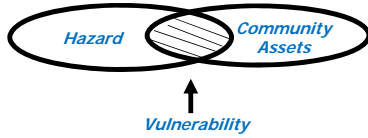
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From the South/West: From Route 22, take the 25th Street/Wilson Borough Exit. Make a left at light onto 25th Street. Make a left at the light onto Northampton Street. Make a left onto Corporate Drive at the next signal. Take a right at the stop sign onto Kunkle Drive. The Conference Center is at the end of the cul-de-sac.

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Minutes
Treasurer's Report
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Elam Herr
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DINNER MENU

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Refreshments/Hor'deuvres

Caesar Salad
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RESOLUTIONS

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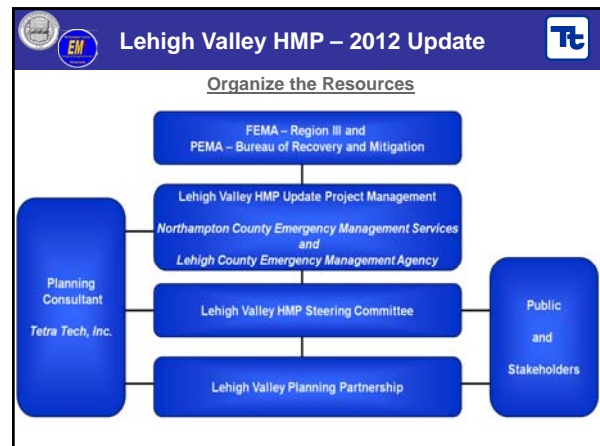
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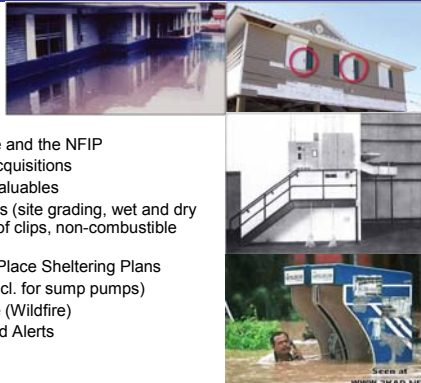
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For Lehigh and Northampton Counties and their Inclusive Municipalities

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-Or-
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Hazard Mitigation – The Problem

FEMA (the “Feds” – that means us, the taxpayer) and States have found themselves cleaning up the same mess over and over

“Natural hazard events are an act of god...
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Communities are not sustainable if they are vulnerable to crippling losses when the inevitable occurs

“Building in the floodplain is like pitching your tent on the highway when no cars are coming”

Mitigation is how we break the cycle of loss – it is a wise investment in the future of our communities

\$ 1 spent on mitigation ~ \$3-7 in avoided losses

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Why are we preparing these plans?

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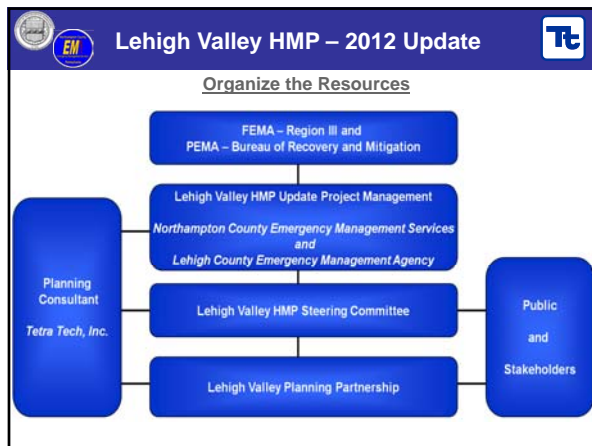
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ROLL CALL

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- *Minutes of the October 25, 2012 meeting*

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- **Comprehensive Planning Committee —
Report by Chairman**
 1. *Review of Rehrig Penn Logistics Land Development Situation –
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Summary sheet (see attachment on p. 6)
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- **Transportation Committee — None**

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Status Report on HUD Sustainability Project*

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1. *Review of 2013 LVPC and Committee Meeting Schedule*

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Mr. Matthew Glennon chaired the meeting.

Members in attendance:

Lehigh County

Percy Dougherty
Steven Glickman
Armand Greco
Kent Herman
Ben Howells
Edward Hozza
Kenneth McClain
Christina Morgan
Stephen Repasch
Virginia Savage
Donna Wright

Northampton County

Gordon Campbell
John Cusick
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Members absent: Norman Blatt, Karen Duerholz, Michael Hefele, Earl Lynn, Lisa Scheller, Becky Bradley, Karen Dolan, Darlene Heller, Robert Lammi, Terry Lee, Jeffrey Manzi and Michael Reph.

Staff present: Geoffrey Reese and Sue Rockwell

Public Present: Jonathan Raser, TetraTech

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After a brief review, the minutes of the October 25, 2012 meeting were moved for approval by Mr. Dougherty. Ms. Dreisbach seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. McClain, Mr. Nolan and Mr. Gemmel abstaining.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Review of Rehrig Penn Logistics Land Development Situation – Borough of Glendon (County SALDO Application)

Mr. Reese said this is a very minor land development in the Borough of Glendon. Glendon is one of those small boroughs that does not have its own subdivision ordinance so this Planning Commission administers the county SALDO on behalf of the Borough. This Commission has approval authority regarding land development and subdivisions in the Borough. This is a very minor addition to an existing manufacturing facility building and parking lot. All they are proposing is a small gravel parking lot on the north side of the building, a couple of storage silos on the east side of the building, and some outdoor equipment on the south side.

We reviewed this project last December. The Commission issued a conditional approval letter. There were several conditions that had to be met. The standard process is that those conditions have to be met within a year unless the applicant requests an extension. The applicant has not come in for an extension. In normal circumstances, in December this year this would be disapproved because conditions have not been met. However, there are extenuating circumstances affecting this plan, and that is a change to state law. Mr. Reese said that there are several documents related to this project with the agenda packet that he will review. The first document is the September 2012 letter sent to the applicant stating that they have until December 15, 2012 to meet the conditions of approval. The next document is an April 2012 memo from Mr. Taremae stating the conditions of approval, some of which were met and some were still outstanding. Next is the original commission conditional approval letter dated December 15, 2011. It grants final approval to the plans subject to agreement of the conditions described in the letter. We have included a summary of the new state law that affects this plan. The new law is an amendment to the Permit Extension Act. Mr. Reese said basically this law extends any types of approvals through July 1, 2016. This means that even though the applicant has not asked for an extension or satisfied all of the conditions, he has through July 1, 2016 to satisfy all the conditions and receive his approval under the process. This is the case for every municipality in Pennsylvania. The reason for the law is that there were a lot of land development plans on the books at the municipal level that were not proceeding due to the downturn in the economy. The extension will give them to 2016 to proceed without having to start the process all over again.

We are not required to send a letter about this unless the applicant requests such a letter, and they have not done so. However, we felt it would be appropriate to send a letter to Mr. Reibman stating that this new state law applies to his situation. He will have until July 1, 2016 to comply. We have included a copy of the proposed letter for your review. We are looking for Commission approval to send the letter. Ms. Dreisbach made a motion to approve the letter. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Elliott abstaining.

Reviews

Ms. Dreisbach said there are four summary sheet items on page 6 of the agenda attachments. Ms. Dreisbach made a motion to approve the comments. Ms. Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried with Mr. Elliott abstaining on Item No. 3.

Environment Committee

Draft Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mr. Repasch said in 2005 the LVPC began working with the Lehigh and Northampton County Emergency Management Agencies to prepare the region's first Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan addressed only the natural hazards that could impact the Valley, not man-made hazards. All 62 municipalities participated in and adopted the plan. By having an adopted plan in place, a participating municipality could be eligible to receive mitigation funding. The plan was approved by FEMA in April 2007. To maintain funding eligibility, the plan must be updated every five years. The two counties secured a grant to update the plan and hired a consultant – Tetra Tech – to do the work. Jonathan Raser from Tetra Tech presented the draft plan at the October Environment Committee meeting and is here tonight to present the draft plan update to the full Commission.

Mr. Raser provided a power point presentation. He explained to the Commission what hazard mitigation means and why mitigation plans are important. The reason for updating a plan is that a community's risks and vulnerabilities change over time and new projects are identified. To obtain mitigation funding, a plan has to be in place and projects have to be specifically identified in the plan to show the project has been well thought out, that you looked at your risks and identified the best, most cost effective solution alternative. Mr. Reese said, regarding the 2006 plan, we knew that was one of the shortcomings of the plan. We didn't have the time or resources to develop well-defined projects. They were more problem statements rather than engineered solutions. We had an opportunity where \$1 million was made available to the Valley through work by Congressman Dent's office as follow up on the original plan. It took years for any of that money to flow to municipalities because of the difference between a problem statement and actual solutions that are ready to go. That is something that has to be refined so as funding becomes available, you have to be ready to use it. Mr. Raser said that was the case with many original plans. A lot of the projects were more general in nature. He reviewed the different types of funding programs available.

Mr. Raser said with the plan update, in addition to natural hazards, they looked at man-made hazards that could impact the region and he reviewed a list of all the hazards in the plan. FEMA doesn't require a plan to include man-made hazards, but they encourage it. The most important part of the update is the mitigation strategies. He explained the different types of actions that can be considered by a municipality. With the update, each county and municipality has their own chapter or annex. Each annex includes risks, vulnerabilities, capabilities and strategies specific to the jurisdiction. They have had mostly good participation on the creation of the annexes. They have provided assistance to municipalities as much as possible, but they are supposed to be completed by the municipality. About 20% of municipalities have not provided any information.

The next step is to provide a draft of the plan (minus the annexes) to PEMA and FEMA for a pre-review next Wednesday. By the end of the year, they would like to finalize the plan and submit it to FEMA for final review and approval. It is important to get this done because a number of municipalities have submitted applications for mitigation funding for Hurricanes Irene and Lee, but the current plan has expired. The counties have to decide what to do about those municipalities that are not participating. They can sign on at a later time if they want to.

Mr. Howells asked if a community that does not participate in the updated plan harms the region. Mr. Raser said it does not harm the region's ability to get a plan. He said this is a multi-jurisdictional plan. It covers the counties and municipalities. We generally do multi-jurisdictional plans because of the efficiency in the planning process. He said the Lehigh Valley will likely have a plan that will include the two counties and a large percentage of the municipalities. The ones that don't participate will be dropped, but that won't affect the ones that do participate. Ms. Morgan asked if Commission members could get a copy of the presentation. Mr. Raser said yes. Mr. Repasch asked what role this mitigation plan plays in the sustainability project as it relates to climate change. Mr. Raser said they did include climate change considerations in this plan, not as a hazard in itself, but as an exacerbating factor with things like flooding because of increased rainfall. Mr. Reese said under the sustainability project we will have a climate change plan, but we don't know what the elements of that will be yet. We are doing background research on that now to see what we might add to our Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Elliott asked if the 75% federal, 25% local match was applicable to all the different types of mitigation actions. Mr. Raser said yes, but there are some activities that will be self-funded like public education. Many of the initiatives in the plan might be self-funded. Mr. Raser said they tried to point out the projects that are grant eligible that can be funded and are cost effective. Mr. Elliott asked if there is a funding cycle. Mr. Raser said congressionally funded grants are available every year. The funding cycle opens up in June and closes around December. The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is a disaster driven grant program. Every time there is a declared disaster, an HMGP grant pool opens up. The announcement of available funds is about six months after the disaster. Then you have six months to apply for funds and the state has six months to approve it. Mr. Herman asked if funding is competitive. Mr. Raser said it is competitive in the sense that if you only have \$10 million of HMGP money available in the state and there is \$30 million in projects, obviously they can't fund them all. Generally after a declared disaster the state asks for a letter of intent from the communities that want to submit an application for a project. The state evaluates them and looks at which ones would be cost effective. If they think it's fundable, the community will be asked to fill out an application. Mr. Elliott asked if only municipalities can apply or for example, can a public utility apply. Mr. Raser said public utilities can apply but they generally apply through the municipality where their facility is located. The law is written that a utility or authority is actually a local government, as are school districts and any type of junior taxing authorities. Mr. Dougherty asked if you have a municipality that won't put any money into purchasing flood prone properties is there any way around that. Mr. Raser said it's not mandated that a community provide the 25% match to purchase a property. He said it's reasonable to expect a homeowner to put up the match if they are elevating their home. But when it comes to acquisitions, it is hard to find an owner who is willing to take \$.75 on the \$1.00 for the purchase of their property. The state might have some type of open space funding that could be used for that purpose.

Reviews

Mr. Repasch said there are three summary sheet items on page 7 of the agenda attachments. Mr. Repasch made a motion to approve the comments. Mr. Howells seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Transportation Committee - None

OLD BUSINESS

Status Report on HUD Sustainability Project

Mr. Reese said we now have a consultant for the project, RKG Associates from Alexandria, Virginia, under contract. They are going to come three or four days at a time to make as many contacts with people and committees as they can. They were up here on November 14 – 16 and met with a variety of people including Mr. Glennon, Mr. Herman, Ms. Savage and Mr. Marcus. They also met with Ms.

Feinberg and Ms. Sywensky from the county offices, the three city planning directors, and Alan Jennings from CACLV. They spent a lot of time touring the Lehigh Valley. They are coming back December 17 – 19. We plan on having them talk to more of the housing advocates and infrastructure people. We will schedule as many meetings as we can during that period. We are also going to continue to work on updating the housing data report that was created in 2009. The report will include four more years of data, 2009-2012. Hopefully in January we will have all of the data and can begin an analysis of the trends.

In addition, LVEDC, Renew LV and CACLV have held about 20 meetings for public participation and outreach throughout the Lehigh Valley to get the basic message out about the program. Also, the Commission and five other funded partners under this grant have agreed to participate jointly to purchase some advertising. Starting tomorrow on the Express Times' Lehigh Valley Live website there will be an ad for Envision Lehigh Valley. We want to make sure as many people as possible learn what this project is about and how to access information. Mr. Repasch asked how the meetings are being attended. Mr. Reese said they vary, some have had low attendance and some have had a good response.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of 2013 LVPC and Committee Meeting Schedule

Mr. Glennon said a copy of the proposed 2013 meeting schedule is included in the agenda packet. He asked Commission members to approve the meeting schedule. Mr. Wright made a motion to approve the schedule. Ms. Savage seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Election of Officers

Mr. Glennon said he understands the chair, vice chair and treasurer positions often run as two year appointments, but an election is still done annually. He asked Commission members if they wanted to appoint a nominating committee and vote on officers in December. Ms. Wright said she didn't see the need to have a nominating committee and made motion to elect the same slate of officers for next year with Matt Glennon as chair, Kent Herman as vice chair and Liesel Dreisbach as treasurer. Mr. Dougherty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Reese said we have a travel model that we maintain for the entire Lehigh Valley that estimates traffic volumes on all the main roadways. One of the things we need to have for this model for a variety of purposes is updated population and employment data at the small geography level. We have at the Commission level reviewed and approved the regional population and employment projections through 2040. We need to take those regional projections and boil them down to a much finer level – the traffic analysis zone. There are 473 of them in the two counties. We are working on this and will be bringing them to you in the next few months.

Mr. Repasch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Glennon adjourned the meeting.

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