# Freemansburg Borough, Northampton County Annex

# **Hazard Mitigation Plan Points-of-Contact**

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## **Alternate:**

# **Municipal Profile**

Freemansburg Borough is located in the southern part of Northampton County. It encompasses an area of approximately 0.8 square miles, and has a population of 2,636 (2010 Census). The borough borders Bethlehem Township to the north and northeast, Bethlehem City to the west and south, and Lower Saucon Township to the east.

The Lehigh River forms the borough's southern border with Bethlehem City and its eastern border with Lower Saucon Township.

Two (2) state routes pass through the Borough, Main Street and Washington Street. Major east-west roads are Pembroke Road and Freemansburg Avenue in the north, Washington Street in the central part of the borough, and Market Street in the south along the river. Cambria Street in the central part of the borough, and Main Street in the eastern part along the river are the major north-south roads in Freemansburg Borough.

# **Municipal Participation**

1. Identify municipal stakeholders to be involved in the planning process such as, floodplain administrator, public works, emergency management, engineers, planners, etc., and include their specific role in the process.

Homer G. Lorrah, Council President Role: Administration and Information

Jonathan Itterly, Chief of Police Role: Police and Public Safety

Jonathan Rossi, Emergency Management Coordinator

Role: Emergency Coordination

Dave Guidon, Public Works Supervisor

Role: Streets and Utilities

Kelly Rogers, Foreman / Streets Department

Role: Streets and Utilities

Justin Coyle, P.E., Borough Engineer

Role: Engineering Consultant

Gerald Gasda, Interim Borough Manager Role: Manager, coordinate project(s)

# **Municipal Participation – continued**

2. Identify community stakeholders such as; neighborhood groups, religious groups, major employers / businesses, etc., that will be informed and / or involved in the planning process and describe how they will be involved.

The Borough will attempt to connect with Community Groups, such as the Old Freemansburg Association and one or more of the Homeowners Associations located in the Borough to seek their input and suggestions. Contact will be made with church officers.

3. Describe how the public **will be engaged** in the current planning process examples, newsletters, social media, etc., **and how they were engaged** since the 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Contact with public groups or individuals will be solicited via newsletter, Facebook or other social media formats. Do not have current information on religious groups but will gather for future contact and discussion.

**Compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)** 

| Topic Topic  | Identify source of information, if different from the one listed.  | Additional Comments  |
|--|--|--|
| 1. Staff Resources   |  |  |
| Is the Community Floodplain Administrator (FPA) or NFIP Coordinator certified?   | Community FPA  | Outsourced Carroll Engineering   |
| Is floodplain management an auxiliary function?  | Community FPA  | Auxiliary Function   |
| Provide an explanation of NFIP administration services (e.g., permit review, GGIS, education or outreach, inspections, engineering capability) | Community FPA  | Development in the flood plain area would be sent to Borough Engineer, Carroll Engineering for appropriate review. |
| What are the barriers to running an effective NFIP program in the community, if any?   | Community FPA  | Administrative organization and cost of administering the program.   |
| 2. Compliance History  |  |  |
| Is the community in good standing with the NFIP?   | State NFIP Coordinator, FEMA NFIP Specialist, or community records | Yes  |
| Are there any outstanding compliance issues (i.e., current violations)?  |  | None that are noted.   |
| When was the most recent Community Assistance Visits (CAV) or Community Assistance Contact (CAC)?  |  | Unknown  |
| Is a CAV or CAC scheduled or needed?   |  | Unknown  |

Compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) – continued

| Topic   | Identify source of information, if different from the one listed.     | Additional Comments  |
|---|---|--|
| 3. Regulation   |   |  |
| When did the community enter the NFIP?  | NFIP Community Status Book  | 2001 most recent revision 2014   |
| Are the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) digital or paper? How are residents assisted with mapping?  | Community FPA   | Paper  |
| Do floodplain regulations meet or exceed FEMA or State minimum requirements? If so, in what ways?   | Community FPA   | Plan meets minimum standards.  |
| Describe the permitting process   | Community FPA, State, FEMA NFIP                                       | Plan review through submission to Borough and reviewed for compliance with NFIP by Borough Engineer.   |
| 4. Insurance Summary  |   |  |
| How many NFIP policies are in the community? What is the total premium and coverage?  | State NFIP Coordinator or<br>FEMA NFIP Specialist                     | 35 policies in community   |
| How many claims have been paid in the community? What is the total amount of paid claims? How many substantial damage claims have there been? | FEMA NFIP or Insurance Specialist                                     | Unknown  |
| How many structures are exposed to flood risk within the community?   | Community FPA or GIS Analyst  | Approximately 76 structures  |
| Describe any areas of flood risk with limited NFIP policy coverage  | Community FPA or FEMA Insurance<br>Specialist                         | To the extent that there are 76 structures in the flood risk area of the Borough and only 35 known policies, the balance of properties would be of significant financial risk in the event of a flood. |
| 5. Community Rating System (CRS)  |   |  |
| Does the community participate in CRS?  | Community FPA, State, or FEMA NFIP                                    |  |
| If so, what is the community's CRS Class Ranking?   | Flood Insurance Manual (http://www.fema.gov/floodinsurancemanual.gov) |  |
| What categories and activities provide CRS points and how can the Class be improved?  |   |  |
| Does the plan include CRS planning requirements?  | Community FPA, FEMA CRS Coordinator, or ISO representative            |  |

# **Community Assets**

Community assets are defined to include anything that is important to the character as well as the function of a community, and can be described in four categories, they are; people, economy, natural environment and built environment. Please identify the community assets and location under each category.

### 1. People

 Concentrations of vulnerable populations such as the elderly, physically or mentally disabled, non-English speaking, and the medically or chemically dependent.

There are three group homes in the Community, which may require special assistance in the event of an emergency. They are all located outside of the designated flood zone. Additionally, there is a facility, which assists chemically dependent individuals in the Borough located in or near the flood zone.

 Types of visiting populations where large numbers of people are concentrated such as visitors for special events and students.

Special events with large gathering of people have occurred in Borough Parks, the FBTAA Baseball Field complex, along the Canal Towpath and at the historic structures along the Canal sometimes in conjunction with the D&L Trail and special events, such as marathon-type races along the Towpath.

### 2. Economy

Major employers, primary economic sectors such as agriculture and commercial centers where losses would have a severe impact on the community.

While the Borough has a number of small businesses located within its jurisdiction, none of those businesses could be classified as a major employer.

#### 3. Natural Environment

Those areas / features that can provide protective functions that reduce the magnitude of hazard events such as, wetlands or riparian areas, and other environmental features important to protect.

## Community Assets – continued

#### 4. Built Environment

• Existing structures such as, concentrations of buildings that may be more vulnerable to hazards based on location, age, construction type and / or condition of use.

The majority of structures along both sides of Main Street are dated (possibly historic) buildings in very dense clusters. These older buildings may be more vulnerable to hazards due to their age and in some cases, poor maintenance. Additionally, the fact that some of them have sustained flood damage in the past may increase their vulnerability to damage.

 Infrastructure systems such as water and wastewater facilities, power utilities, transportation systems, communication systems, energy pipelines and storage.

None

High potential loss facilities such as, dams, locations that house hazardous materials, military and / or civilian defense installations.

The Borough may have some hazardous materials issues with fuel storage, either above or below ground for the numerous residential properties, several auto repair facilities and a municipal public works garage located in the area adjacent to the Canal and river.

Additionally, there is the potential for hazardous material to be carried by floodwaters from upstream locations to the Borough in the event that a disaster breaches their storage locations. There are no military or defense installations in the Borough.

 Critical facilities such as, hospitals, medical facilities, police and fires stations, emergency operations centers, shelters, schools and airports / heliports.

There are no hospitals in the borough. The Borough Municipal Complex, which also houses the Volunteer Fire Department, serves as the emergency operations center and shelter as needed. An elementary school is adjacent to the Municipal Complex also could be utilized as a shelter location.

Cultural / historical resources such as, museums, parks, stadiums, etc.

The Borough is home to one major municipal park, several smaller "pocket parks" and a little league type baseball complex.

**Capability Assessment** 

|            |   | Status   |                                  |                      |                                       | Effect on   |  | Has the 2013  | How can   |                        |
|------------|---|----------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|------------------------|
| Capability | ✓ Regulatory ✓ Tools ✓ Programs                               | In Place | Date<br>Adopted<br>or<br>Updated | Under<br>Development | Department /<br>Agency<br>Responsible | Hazard Loss<br>Reduction:<br>- <u>S</u> upports<br>- <u>N</u> eutral<br>- <u>H</u> inders | Change since<br>2013 Plan?<br>+ Positive<br>- Negative | Plan been integrated into the Regulatory Tool/Program ? If so, how? | these capabilities be expanded and improved to reduce risk? | Additional<br>Comments |
|            | Comprehensive Plan  |          |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
|            | Capital Improvement Plan                                      |          |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
|            | Economic Development Plan                                     |          |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
|            | Continuity of Operations Plan                                 |          |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
|            | Stormwater Management Plan / Ordinance                        | Х        |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
|            | Open Space Management Plan<br>(or Parks/Rec., Greenways Plan) | X        |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
| egulatory  | Natural Resource Protection Plan                              |          |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
| ılat       | Transportation Plan   |          |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
| egı        | Historic Preservation Plan                                    |          |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
| ∞ ∞        | Floodplain Management Plan                                    |          |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
|            | Farmland Preservation   |          |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
| Ē          | Evacuation Plan   |          |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
| Planning   | Disaster Recovery Plan  |          |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
| -          | Hazard Mitigation Plan  | Χ        | 11/2018                          |                      |                                       |   |  | N/A   |   |                        |
|            | Emergency Operations Plan                                     | Χ        | 6/2020                           |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
|            | Zoning Regulations  | Χ        |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
|            | Floodplain Regulations  | Χ        |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
|            | NFIP Participation  | Χ        |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
|            | Building Code   | Χ        |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
|            | Fire Code   | Χ        |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |
|            | Other   |          |                                  |                      |                                       |   |  |   |   |                        |

Capability Assessment – continued

| Capability    | ✓ Staff ✓ Personnel ✓ Resources   | Yes | No | Department /<br>Agency | Change since<br>2013 Plan?<br>+ Positive<br>- Negative | How can these capabilities be expanded and improved to reduce risk? | Additional<br>Comments |
|---------------|---|-----|----|------------------------|--|---|------------------------|
|               | Planners (with land use / land development knowledge)   | X   |    |                        |  |   |                        |
| ology         | Planners or engineers (with natural and / or human-caused hazards knowledge)  | Χ   |    |                        |  |   |                        |
| echnology     | Engineers or professionals trained in building and / or infrastructure construction practices (including building inspectors) | Χ   |    |                        |  |   |                        |
| <del> </del>  | Emergency Manager   | X   |    |                        |  |   |                        |
|               | Floodplain administrator / manager  | Χ   |    |                        |  |   |                        |
| ati           | Land surveyors  | Χ   |    |                        |  |   |                        |
| istr          | Staff familiar with the hazards of the community  | Χ   |    |                        |  |   |                        |
| dministrative | Personnel skilled in Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and / or FEMA's HAZUS program                                     |     | X  |                        |  |   |                        |
| 2. A          | Grant writers or fiscal staff to handle large / complex grants  | Χ   |    |                        |  |   |                        |
| .,            | Other   |     |    |                        |  |   |                        |

| Capability |   | Yes | No | Department /<br>Agency | Change since<br>2013 Plan?<br>+ Positive<br>- Negative | How can these capabilities be expanded and improved to reduce risk? | Additional<br>Comments |
|------------|---|-----|----|------------------------|--|---|------------------------|
|            | Capital improvement programming                         |     |    |                        |  |   |                        |
| Se         | Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)               | Χ   |    |                        |  |   |                        |
| urce       | Special purposes taxes                                  |     |    |                        |  |   |                        |
| SO         | Gas / Electricity utility fees                          |     |    |                        |  |   |                        |
| Re         | Water / Sewer fees                                      |     |    |                        |  |   |                        |
| cial       | Stormwater utility fees                                 |     |    |                        |  |   |                        |
| Finand     | Development impact fees                                 |     |    |                        |  |   |                        |
| Fi         | General obligation, revenue, and / or special tax bonds |     |    |                        |  |   |                        |
| မ.         | Partnering arrangements or intergovernmental agreements |     |    |                        |  |   |                        |
|            | Other   |     |    |                        |  |   |                        |

Capability Assessment – continued

| Canability | ✓ Program<br>✓ Organization   | Yes | No | Department /<br>Agency | Change since<br>2013 Plan?<br>+ Positive<br>- Negative | How can these capabilities be expanded and improved to reduce risk? | Additional<br>Comments |
|------------|---|-----|----|------------------------|--|---|------------------------|
|            | Firewise Communities Certification  |     | Χ  |                        |  |   |                        |
| ج          | StormReady Certification  |     | Χ  |                        |  |   |                        |
| 9          | Natural disaster or safety-related school programs  |     | Χ  |                        |  |   |                        |
| & Outroach | Ongoing public education or information programs such as, responsible water use, fire safety, household preparedness, and environmental education.          |     | Х  |                        |  |   |                        |
| Cation     | Public-private partnership initiatives addressing disaster related issues.  |     | Х  |                        |  |   |                        |
| 4. Educ    | Local citizen groups or non-profit organizations focused on environmental protection, emergency preparedness, access and functional needs populations, etc. |     | Х  |                        |  |   |                        |
|            | Other   |     |    |                        |  |   |                        |

| Capability |                              | Deg     | ree of Capab | ility | Change since the 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan? | Additional Comments   |  |  |
|------------|------------------------------|---------|--------------|-------|---|---|--|--|
| Capa       |                              | Limited | Moderate     | High  | If so, how?                                   |   |  |  |
| ssment     | Planning and Regulatory      |         | Х            |       |   | Hazard mitigation, emergency operations plan, Floodplain regulations. Zoning and subdivision regulations and stormwater management plans in effect. |  |  |
| SSe        | Administrative and Technical |         | X            |       |   | Consultants at unknown cost would likely do most work.  |  |  |
| Self - A   | Financial                    | Х       |              |       |   | Borough resources limited would rely on grants or assistance from Feds for funding projects.  |  |  |
| က်         | Education and Outreach       |         | Х            |       |   | Social media allows communication with citizens at reasonable cost and less staff time.   |  |  |

**Known or Anticipated Future Development / Redevelopment** 

| Development / Property Name | Type of Development | Number of Structures | Location | Known Hazard Zone | Description / Status |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|-------------------|----------------------|
| None                        |                     |                      |          |                   |                      |

Natural & Non-Natural Event History Specific to Freemansburg Borough

| Type of Event and Date(s)               | FEMA Disaster #<br>(if applicable) | Local Damage(s) or Loss(es)  |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Pennsylvania COVID-19 Pandemic – 1/2020 | DR-4506-PA                         | Emergency Protective measures to combat COVID-19 Pandemic.                 |
| Remnants of Hurricane Ida               | DR-4618-PA                         | Assistance to eligible individuals and families affected by this disaster. |

2013 Municipal Action Plan Status

|   |   |                          |             | Status     |           |              |  |
|---|---|--------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|--------------|--|
|   | Existing Mitigation Action<br>(from 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan)  | No Progress /<br>Unknown | In Progress | Continuous | Completed | Discontinued | Additional Comments  |
| Ī | 1 Main St. – new storm sewer system.  | X                        |             |            |           |              |  |
|   | Retrofit structures located in hazard-prone areas to protect structures from future damage, with repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties as priority. Phase 1: Identify appropriate candidates for retrofitting based on cost- effectiveness versus relocation.  Phase 2: Where retrofitting is determined to be a viable option, work with property owners toward implementation of that action based on available funding from FEMA and local match availability.             | Х                        |             |            |           |              | Identification of properties for retrofitting or modification would be made at the time of land development or modification. |
|   | Purchase, or relocate structures located in hazard-prone areas to protect structures from future damage, with repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties as priority.  Phase 1: Identify appropriate candidates for relocation based on cost- effectiveness versus retrofitting.  Phase 2: Where relocation is determined to be a viable option, work with property owners toward implementation of that action based on available funding from FEMA and local match availability. | X                        |             |            |           |              | Long term dependent on funding.  |
|   | Maintain compliance with and good-standing in the NFIP including adoption and enforcement of floodplain management requirements (e.g. regulating all new and substantially improved construction in Special Hazard Flood Areas), floodplain identification and mapping, and flood insurance outreach to the community. Further, continue to meet and/or exceed the minimum NFIP standards and criteria through the following NFIP- related continued  |                          |             | Х          |           |              | Continuous process to remain up-to-date. Last revision to Flood Plain Regulations July 15, 2014.                             |

2013 Municipal Action Plan Status – *continued* 

|    |  |                          |             | Status     |           |              |   |
|----|--|--------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|--------------|---|
|    | Existing Mitigation Action<br>(from 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan)   | No Progress /<br>Unknown | In Progress | Continuous | Completed | Discontinued | Additional Comments   |
| 5  | Conduct and facilitate community and public education and outreach for residents and businesses to include, but not be limited to, the following to promote and effect natural hazard risk reduction:  Provide and maintain links to the HMP website, and regularly post notices on the County/municipal homepage(s) referencing the HMP webpages. Prepare and distribute informational letters to flood vulnerable property owners and neighborhood associations, explaining the availability of mitigation grant funding to mitigate their properties, and instructing them on how they can learn more and implement mitigation.  Use email notification systems and newsletters to better educate the public on flood insurance, the availability of mitigation grant funding, and personal natural hazard risk reduction measures.  Work with neighborhood associations, civic and business groups to disseminate information on flood insurance and the availability of mitigation grant funding. |                          |             | X          |           |              | Municipal support for educational outreach. Typically occurs with new development or use in flood prone area. |
| 6  | Begin the process to adopt higher regulatory standards to manage flood risk (i.e. increased freeboard, cumulative substantial damage/improvements) and sinkhole risk (e.g. carbonate bedrock standards).   | X*                       |             |            |           |              | Education of property owners on prevention and property protection.  * - Prevention                           |
| 7  | Determine if a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) or Community Assistance Contact (CAC) is needed, and schedule if needed.   | Χ                        |             |            |           |              |   |
| 8  | Have designated NFIP Floodplain Administrator (FPA) become a Certified Floodplain Manager through the ASFPM, and pursue relevant continuing education training such as FEMA Benefit-Cost Analysis.   |                          | X           |            |           |              | Ongoing educational process for property owners' developers.  |
| 9  | Participate in the Community Rating System (CRS) to further manage flood risk and reduce flood insurance premiums for NFIP policyholders. This shall start with the submission to FEMA-DHS of a Letter of Intent to join CRS, followed by the completion and submission of an application to the program once the community's current compliance with the NFIP is established.   | X                        |             |            |           |              |   |
| 10 | Archive elevation certificates   |                          | Χ           |            |           |              |   |
| 11 | Continue to support the implementation, monitoring, maintenance, and updating of this Plan, as defined in Section 7.0  |                          |             | X          |           |              | Continued support for new and existing uses.  |

2013 Municipal Action Plan Status - continued

|  |                          |             | Status     | •         |              |  |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|--------------|--|
| Existing Mitigation Action<br>(from 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan)   | No Progress /<br>Unknown | In Progress | Continuous | Completed | Discontinued | Additional Comments  |
| 12 Complete the ongoing updates of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans  |                          |             |            | X         |              | Emergency operation plan updated 2017. Action carried through to the 2018 Action Plan.               |
| Create/enhance/maintain mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities for continuity of operations.   |                          |             | X          |           |              | Ongoing effort to ensure valid mutual aid agreements between Borough and surrounding municipalities. |
| Identify and develop agreements with entities that can provide support with FEMA/PEMA paperwork after disasters; qualified damage assessment personnel – Improve post-disaster capabilities – damage assessment; FEMA/PEMA paperwork compilation, submissions, record- keeping |                          |             | X          |           |              | Ongoing effort to work with FEMA/PEMA with regard to paperwork submission and record keeping.        |
| Work with regional agencies (i.e. County and PEMA) to help develop damage assessment capabilities at the local level through such things as training programs, certification of qualified individuals (e.g. code officials, floodplain managers, engineers).                   |                          |             | X          |           |              | Training for damage assessment, etc. Emergency Management Team coordination.                         |

### Notes:

- 1. Actions not carried through to the 2018 Action Plan are so noted.
- 2. To maintain National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) compliance, actions related to the NFIP were carried through to the 2018 Action Plan even if identified by the municipality as completed.

2018 Mitigation Action Plan

|   | Mitigation Action   | Mitigation<br>Technique<br>Category | Hazard(s)<br>Addressed | Priority<br>(H / M / L) | Estimated<br>Cost | Potential<br>Funding   | Lead Agency<br>/ Department  | Implementation<br>Schedule             | Applies to<br>New and /<br>or Existing<br>Structures |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 | Main St. – new storm sewer system.  | Structure &<br>Infrastructure       | Flood                  | Medium-<br>High         | High              | FEMA mitigation grants; CDBG funding; municipal budget for local match             | Municipal<br>Engineer  | Long-term<br>(depending on<br>funding) | Existing   |
| 2 | Retrofit structures located in hazard- prone areas to protect structures from future damage, with repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties as priority. Phase 1: Identify appropriate candidates for retrofitting based on cost- effectiveness versus relocation. Phase 2: Where retrofitting is determined to be a viable option, work with property owners toward implementation of that action based on available funding from FEMA and local match availability.           | Structure &<br>Infrastructure       | Flood                  | Medium-<br>High         | High              | FEMA Mitigation Grant Programs and local budget (or property owner) for cost share | Municipality (via Municipal Engineer/NFIP Floodplain Administrator) with support from PEMA, FEMA | Long-term<br>(depending on<br>funding) | Existing   |
| 3 | Purchase, or relocate structures located in hazard-prone areas to protect structures from future damage, with repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties as priority. Phase 1: Identify appropriate candidates for relocation based on cost- effectiveness versus retrofitting. Phase 2: Where relocation is determined to be a viable option, work with property owners toward implementation of that action based on available funding from FEMA and local match availability. | Structure &<br>Infrastructure       | Flood                  | Medium-<br>High         | High              | FEMA Mitigation Grant Programs and local budget (or property owner) for cost share | Municipality (via Municipal Engineer/NFIP Floodplain Administrator) with support from PEMA, FEMA | Long-term<br>(depending on<br>funding) | Existing   |

|   | Mitigation Action  | Mitigation<br>Technique<br>Category | Hazard(s)<br>Addressed | Priority<br>(H / M / L) | Estimated<br>Cost | Potential<br>Funding | Lead Agency<br>/ Department   | Implementation<br>Schedule | Applies to<br>New and /<br>or Existing<br>Structures |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------------|--|
| 4 | Maintain compliance with and good- standing in the NFIP including adoption and enforcement of floodplain management requirements (e.g. regulating all new and substantially improved construction in Special Hazard Flood Areas), floodplain identification and mapping, and flood insurance outreach to the community. Further, continue to meet and/or exceed the minimum NFIP standards and criteria through the following NFIP- related continued compliance actions identified below. | Local plans<br>&<br>Regulations     | Flood                  | High                    | Low -<br>Medium   | Municipal<br>Budget  | Municipality<br>(via Municipal<br>Engineer/NFIP<br>Floodplain<br>Administrator)<br>with support<br>from PEMA,<br>ISO FEMA | Ongoing                    | New &<br>Existing                                    |

|   | Mitigation Action   | Mitigation<br>Technique<br>Category | Hazard(s)<br>Addressed             | Priority<br>(H / M / L) | Estimated<br>Cost | Potential<br>Funding | Lead Agency<br>/ Department   | Implementation<br>Schedule | Applies to<br>New and /<br>or Existing<br>Structures |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------------|--|
| 5 | Conduct and facilitate community and public education and outreach for residents and businesses to include, but not be limited to, the following to promote and effect natural hazard risk reduction:  Provide and maintain links to the HMP website, and regularly post notices on the County/municipal homepage(s) referencing the HMP webpages.  Prepare and distribute informational letters to flood vulnerable property owners and neighborhood associations, explaining the availability of mitigation grant funding to mitigate their properties, and instructing them on how they can learn more and implement mitigation.  Use email notification systems and newsletters to better educate the public on flood insurance, the availability of mitigation grant funding, and personal natural hazard risk reduction measures.  Work with neighborhood associations, civic and business groups to disseminate information on flood insurance and the availability of mitigation grant funding. | Education<br>&<br>Awareness         | All Hazards                        | High                    | Low-<br>Medium    | Municipal<br>Budget  | Municipality<br>with support<br>from Planning<br>Partners,<br>PEMA, FEMA                | Short-term                 | N/A  |
| 6 | Begin and/or continue the process to adopt higher regulatory standards to manage flood risk (i.e. increased freeboard, cumulative substantial damage/improvements) and sinkhole risk (e.g. carbonate bedrock standards).  | Local plans<br>&<br>Regulations     | Flood;<br>Subsidence/<br>Sinkholes | High                    | Low               | Municipal<br>Budget  | Municipality (via Municipal Engineer/NFIP Floodplain Admin.) w/ support from PEMA, FEMA | Short-term                 | New &<br>Existing                                    |

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|----|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---|---|--|
| 7  | Determine if a Community Assistance<br>Visit (CAV) or Community Assistance<br>Contact (CAC) is needed, and<br>schedule if needed.  | Local plans<br>&<br>Regulations     | Flood                  | Medium                  | Low               | Municipal<br>Budget  | NFIP Floodplain Administrator with support from PADEP, PEMA, FEMA | Short-term                              | N/A  |
| 8  | Have designated NFIP Floodplain Administrator (FPA) become a Certified Floodplain Manager through the ASFPM and/or pursue relevant continuing education training such as FEMA Benefit-Cost Analysis.   | Local plans<br>&<br>Regulations     | Flood                  | High                    | Low               | Municipal<br>Budget  | NFIP<br>Floodplain<br>Administrator                               | Short-term<br>(depending on<br>funding) | N/A  |
| 9  | Participate in the Community Rating System (CRS) to further manage flood risk and reduce flood insurance premiums for NFIP policyholders. This shall start with the submission to FEMA-DHS of a Letter of Intent to join CRS, followed by the completion and submission of an application to the program once the community's current compliance with the NFIP is established. | Local plans<br>&<br>Regulations     | Flood                  | Medium                  | Low               | Municipal<br>Budget  | NFIP Floodplain Administrator with support from PADEP, PEMA, FEMA | Short-term                              | N/A  |
| 10 | Obtain and archive elevation certificates for NFIP compliance.   | Local plans<br>&<br>Regulations     | Flood                  | High                    | Low               | Municipal<br>Budget  | NFIP<br>Floodplain<br>Administrator                               | Ongoing                                 | N/A  |

|    | Mitigation Action  | Mitigation<br>Technique<br>Category | Hazard(s)<br>Addressed | Priority<br>(H / M / L) | Estimated<br>Cost                       | Potential<br>Funding   | Lead Agency<br>/ Department  | Implementation<br>Schedule                         | Applies to<br>New and /<br>or Existing<br>Structures |
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| 11 | Continue to support the implementation, monitoring, maintenance, and updating of this Plan, as defined in Section 7.0  | All<br>Categories                   | All Hazards            | High                    | Low –<br>High (for<br>5-year<br>update) | Municipal Budget, possibly FEMA Mitigation Grant Funding for 5-year update | Municipality (via mitigation planning point of contacts) with support from Planning Partners (through their Points of Contact), PEMA | Ongoing  | New &<br>Existing                                    |
| 12 | Complete the ongoing updates of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans   | Local plans<br>&<br>Regulations     | All Hazards            | High                    | Low                                     | Municipal<br>Budget  | Municipality<br>with support<br>from PEMA  | Ongoing  | New &<br>Existing                                    |
| 13 | Create/enhance/maintain mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities for continuity of operations.   | All<br>Categories                   | All Hazards            | High                    | Low                                     | Municipal<br>Budget  | Municipality with support from surrounding municipalities and County   | Ongoing  | New &<br>Existing                                    |
| 14 | Develop and maintain capabilities to process FEMA/PEMA paperwork after disasters; qualified damage assessment personnel – Improve post-disaster capabilities – damage assessment; FEMA/PEMA paperwork compilation, submissions, record keeping.              | Education<br>&<br>Awareness         | All Hazards            | Medium                  | Medium                                  | Municipal<br>Budget  | Municipality<br>with support<br>from County,<br>PEMA, FEMA   | Short-term   | N/A  |
| 15 | Work with regional agencies (i.e. County and PEMA) to help develop damage assessment capabilities at the local level through such things as training programs, certification of qualified individuals (e.g. code officials, floodplain managers, engineers). | Education<br>&<br>Awareness         | All Hazards            | Medium                  | Medium                                  | Municipal<br>Budget,<br>FEMA HMA<br>grant<br>programs                      | Municipality<br>with support<br>from County,<br>PEMA   | Short-, long-<br>term<br>(depending on<br>funding) | N/A  |

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| 16 | Coordinate with the County Emergency Management Agency and PA Department of Health, which is responsible for setting up points of distribution and providers for immunizations. | Local plans<br>&<br>Regulations     | Pandemic<br>and<br>Infectious<br>Disease | Medium                  | Low               | Municipal<br>Budget  | Municipality,<br>working with<br>County EMA<br>and PA<br>Department of<br>Health | Ongoing                    | N/A  |
| 17 | Devise an employee vaccination and immunization plan to prevent an outbreak within the municipal employee ranks.  | Local plans<br>&<br>Regulations     | Pandemic<br>and<br>Infectious<br>Disease | Medium                  | Low               | Municipal<br>Budget  | Municipality   | Short-term                 | N/A  |
| 18 | Devise a municipal continuity of operations plan to keep essential services running in the event that a significant portion of the workforce is affected.                       | Local plans<br>&<br>Regulations     | Pandemic<br>and<br>Infectious<br>Disease | Medium                  | Low               | Municipal<br>Budget  | Municipality   | Short-term                 | N/A  |
| 19 | Devise a public education and outreach plan regarding disease prevention.   | Education<br>&<br>Awareness         | Pandemic<br>and<br>Infectious<br>Disease | Medium                  | Low               | Municipal<br>Budget  | Municipality   | Ongoing                    | N/A  |
| 20 | Provide education and outreach to residents regarding how to prevent the spread of invasive species, including quarantine procedures.   | Education<br>&<br>Awareness         | Invasive<br>Species                      | High                    | Low               | Municipal<br>Budget  | Municipality   | Ongoing                    | N/A  |
| 21 | Develop a neighborhood cleanup plan designed to remove discarded tires, trash and other items in which standing water can form.   | Education<br>&<br>Awareness         | Invasive<br>Species                      | High                    | Low               | Municipal<br>Budget  | Municipality   | Short-term                 | N/A  |
| 22 | Provide training and education for first responders to ensure effective emergency care.   | Local plans<br>&<br>Regulations     | Drug<br>Overdose<br>Crisis               | High                    | Low               | Municipal<br>Budget  | Municipality   | Ongoing                    | N/A  |
| 23 | Provide education and outreach, especially in K-12, regarding drug abuse prevention.  | Education<br>&<br>Awareness         | Drug<br>Overdose<br>Crisis               | High                    | Low               | Municipal<br>Budget  | Municipality/<br>School District   | Ongoing                    | N/A  |

#### Notes:

#### **Estimated Costs:**

- Where actual project costs have been reasonable estimated: Low = < \$10,000; Medium = \$10,000 to \$100,000; High = > \$100,000;
- Where actual project costs cannot reasonably be established at this time:

**Low** = Possible to fund under existing budget. Project is part of, or can be part of an existing on-going program.

**Medium** = Could budget for under existing work plan, but would require a reapportionment of the budget or a budget amendment, or the cost of the project would have to be spread over multiple years.

**High** = Would require an increase in revenue via an alternative source (i.e., bonds, grants, fee increases) to implement. Existing funding levels are not adequate to cover the costs of the proposed project.

#### Potential Funding (FEMA HMA):

- BRIC = Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities
- **FMA** = Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program
- **HMGP** = Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- **HSGP** = Homeland Security Grant Program
- **EMPG** = Emergency Management Performance Grant

### **Implementation Schedule:**

- Short Term = 1 to 5 years
- **Long Term** = 5 years or greater
- **DOF** = Depending on Funding

### Applies to New and/or Existing Structures:

- **N/A** = Not Applicable