Nazareth Borough, Northampton County Annex

Hazard Mitigation Plan Points-of-Contact

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Municipal Profile

Nazareth Borough is located in the central part of Northampton County. It encompasses an area of approximately 1.7 square miles, and has a population of 5,746 (2010 Census). The borough is bordered by Lower Nazareth Township to the south, and is otherwise surrounded by Upper Nazareth Township.

No streams pass through the borough, but there are a few bodies of standing water in mine pits.

PA Route 248 (Bath Pike / Easton Road) travels east-west along the boroughs southern border. Other east-west routes include Mauch Chunk Street, Belvidere Street, and Walnut Street in the central part of the borough; and High Street in the northern part of the borough. Broad Street and PA Route 191 (New Street) are the major north-south roadways.

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.

Robert Reimer, Public Works Superintendent

Role: street closures, responses to spills, park & pool matters

Albert Kortze, Borough Engineer Role: Floodplain Administrator

Mark A. Morella, Jr., Emergency Management Agency Director Role: Planning & administering borough's emergency response

John Deutsch, Jr., Fire Chief Role: Emergency Fire Response Randall Miller, Police Commissioner Role: Emergency police response

Barbara Fischl, Senior Planner

Role: Ranking & presiding head of planning commission

Jennifer McCloskey, Nazareth Ambulance Director Role: Emergency medical services & transports

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.

Moravian Hall Square, Borough's largest employer Alexandria Manor, senior living Oliver Border House, senior living

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.

Newsletter will update residents.

Borough website will publish updates.

Police Facebook page will inform those who use social media.

Compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

Торіс	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	No
Is floodplain management an auxiliary function?	Community FPA	Yes
Provide an explanation of NFIP administration services (e.g., permit review, GGIS, education or outreach, inspections, engineering capability)	Community FPA	Technical guidance, plan & permit review, site visits (if requested), assistance with map information.
What are the barriers to running an effective NFIP program in the community, if any?	Community FPA	None
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)?		No outstanding issues or violations.
When was the most recent Community Assistance Visits (CAV) or Community Assistance Contact (CAC)?		Not known.
Is a CAV or CAC scheduled or needed?		Not scheduled at this time.

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	Unknown
Are the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) digital or paper? How are residents assisted with mapping?	Community FPA	Paper, they would be assisted by the floodplain administrator.
Do floodplain regulations meet or exceed FEMA or State minimum requirements? If so, in what ways?	Community FPA	Meet the current FEMA requirements per the Borough's 2014 Floodplain ordinance.
Describe the permitting process	Community FPA, State, FEMA NFIP	Per Part 2 of the floodplain ordinance.
4. Insurance Summary		
How many NFIP policies are in the community? What is the total premium and coverage?	State NFIP Coordinator or FEMA NFIP Specialist	Not known
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	Not known
How many structures are exposed to flood risk within the community?	Community FPA or GIS Analyst	Approximately 10-12
Describe any areas of flood risk with limited NFIP policy coverage	Community FPA or FEMA Insurance Specialist	Not applicable
5. Community Rating System (CRS)		
Does the community participate in CRS?	Community FPA, State, or FEMA NFIP	No
If so, what is the community's CRS Class Ranking?	Flood Insurance Manual (http://www.fema.gov/floodinsurancemanual.gov)	N/A
What categories and activities provide CRS points and how can the Class be improved?		N/A
Does the plan include CRS planning requirements?	Community FPA, FEMA CRS Coordinator, or ISO representative	N/A

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.

Four (4) senior living facilities Moravian Hall Square Alexandria Manor

Oliver Border House Silk Mill Senior Apartments

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

Kazoo Parade, July 4th Nazareth Day, 3rd Saturday of July Martin on Main, 1st Saturday or August Christmas in Nazareth, 2nd Saturday of December Halloween Parade, 3rd Saturday of October

2. Economy

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

Downtown Broad Street Corridor

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.

None

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.

Aged buildings in the downtown along Main Street, Center Street, Belvidere Street and Route 191.

Community Assets - continued

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

Verizon building Nazareth Borough Public Works Garage

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

None

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

Nazareth Ambulance Floyd Shafer Elementary School

Moravian Hall Square Medical Facility Holy Family School

Police Station and Municipal Offices Vigilance Hose Fire Company

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

Whitfield House Museum Memorial Library of Nazareth and vicinity

Gray Cottage Moravian Settlement Nazareth Center for the Arts Hall Square Military Academy Nazareth Borough Park

Capability Assessment

	Supublity / toossonion	Status				Effect on		Has the 2013	How can	
Capability	✓ Regulatory ✓ Tools ✓ Programs	In Place	Date Adopted or Updated	Under Development	Department / Agency Responsible	Hazard Loss Reduction: - <u>S</u> upports - <u>N</u> eutral - <u>H</u> inders	Change since 2013 Plan? + Positive - Negative	Plan been integrated into the Regulatory Tool/Program ? If so, how?	these capabilities be expanded and improved to reduce risk?	Additional Comments
	Comprehensive Plan	Χ				S		No		
	Capital Improvement Plan									
	Economic Development Plan									
	Continuity of Operations Plan									
	Stormwater Management Plan / Ordinance	X				S		No		
	Open Space Management Plan (or Parks/Rec., Greenways Plan)									
ory	Natural Resource Protection Plan									
ılat	Transportation Plan									
Regulatory	Historic Preservation Plan									
∞ ∞	Floodplain Management Plan	Χ				S		No		
	Farmland Preservation									
in	Evacuation Plan									
Planning	Disaster Recovery Plan									
-	Hazard Mitigation Plan	Χ	2/2019			S		N/A		
	Emergency Operations Plan	Χ	2/2019							
	Zoning Regulations	Χ				S		No		
	Floodplain Regulations	Χ				S				
	NFIP Participation									
	Building Code	Χ				N		No		
	Fire Code	Χ				N		No		
	Other									

Capability Assessment – continued

Capability	✓ Staff ✓ Personnel ✓ Resources	Yes	No	Department / Agency	Change since 2013 Plan? + Positive - Negative	How can these capabilities be expanded and improved to reduce risk?	Additional Comments
	Planners (with land use / land development knowledge)	Χ			N		
ology	Planners or engineers (with natural and / or human-caused hazards knowledge)	Χ			N		
chnok	Engineers or professionals trained in building and / or infrastructure construction practices (including building inspectors)	Χ			N		
Tec	Emergency Manager				N		
త	Floodplain administrator / manager	Χ			N		
dministrative	Land surveyors		Х		N		We would contract outside the borough if needed.
=	Staff familiar with the hazards of the community						
Adm	Personnel skilled in Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and / or FEMA's HAZUS program						
2	Grant writers or fiscal staff to handle large / complex grants						
	Other						

Capability Assessment – continued

Capability		Yes	No	Department / Agency	Change since 2013 Plan? + Positive - Negative	How can these capabilities be expanded and improved to reduce risk?	Additional Comments
	Capital improvement programming	X			N		
	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)	X			N		
ses	Special purposes taxes		Χ		N		
Resource	Gas / Electricity utility fees		Χ		N	N/A	
eso	Water / Sewer fees		Χ		N	N/A	
Financial R	Stormwater utility fees		X		N		There is discussion about the potential benefits of stormwater fees.
ine	Development impact fees		Χ		N		
3. F	General obligation, revenue, and / or special tax bonds		Χ		N		_
	Partnering arrangements or intergovernmental agreements		Χ		N		
	Other						

Capability	✓ Program ✓ Organization	Yes	No	Department / Agency	Change since 2013 Plan? + Positive - Negative	How can these capabilities be expanded and improved to reduce risk?	Additional Comments
	Firewise Communities Certification		X		No		
_	StormReady Certification		X		No		
ach	Natural disaster or safety-related school programs		X		No		
& Outrea	Ongoing public education or information programs such as, responsible water use, fire safety, household preparedness, and environmental education.	X			No		We use a newsletter to discuss these topics with residents.
rcation	Public-private partnership initiatives addressing disaster related issues.		X		No		We typically do not have natural disasters. This is not a known need area.
4. Edu	Local citizen groups or non-profit organizations focused on environmental protection, emergency preparedness, access and functional needs populations, etc.						
	Other						

Capability Assessment – continued

ability		Deç	ree of Capab	ility	Change since the 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan?	Additional Comments		
Capal		Limited	Moderate	High	If so, how?	, tautional comments		
ŧ	Planning and Regulatory	Х			None	Three (3) Emergency Management Agency Directors since 2013.		
Self –	Administrative and Technical		X		Better equipped	New Emergency Management Agency Director in October 2017.		
5. S SSes	Financial			X	Very stable	Two (2) tax increases have helped		
<	Education and Outreach	Х			None	No change		

Known or Anticipated Future Development / Redevelopment

Development / Property Name	Type of Development	Number of Structures	Location	Known Hazard Zone	Description / Status
Currently none.					

Natural & Non-Natural Event History Specific to Nazareth Borough

Type of Event and Date(s)	FEMA Disaster # (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 (from 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan)	No Progress / Unknown	In Progress	Continuous	Completed	Discontinued	Additional Comments
Drainage Upgrade Project – North Broad Street and Spring Brook Terrace					Χ	Action not carried through to 2018 Action Plan.
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.					X	Action carried through to 2018 Action Plan.
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	Action carried through to 2018 Action Plan.
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.				Х		Action carried through to 2018 Action Plan.

2013 Municipal Action Plan Status – continued

				Status			
	Existing Mitigation Action (from 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan)	No Progress / Unknown	In Progress	Continuous	Completed	Discontinued	Additional Comments
5	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	Action carried through to 2018 Action Plan.
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).			Χ			
7	Determine if a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) or Community Assistance Contact (CAC) is needed, and schedule if needed.				X		Action carried through to the 2018 Action Plan.
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.				Χ		Action carried through to the 2018 Action Plan.
g	completion and submission of an application to the program once the community's current compliance with the NFIP is established.			Х			We are not, but we would in the future.
1				Χ			
1	maintenance, and updating of this Plan, as defined in Section 7.0			Χ			
1:	Complete the ongoing updates of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans			Χ			

2013 Municipal Action Plan Status - continued

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	Existing Mitigation Action (from 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan)	No Progress / Unknown	In Progress	Continuous	Completed	Discontinued	Additional Comments
13	Create/enhance/maintain mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities for continuity of operations.			X			
14	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			
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).			X			

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 Technique Category	Hazard(s) Addressed	Priority (H / M / L)	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding	Lead Agency / Department	Implementation Schedule	Applies to New and / or Existing Structures
1	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 & Infrastructure	Flood, Windstorm/ Tornado, Winter Storm, Earthquake	Medium- 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 DOF	Existing
2	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 & Infrastructure	Flood	Medium- 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 DOF	Existing

	Mitigation Action	Mitigation Technique Category	Hazard(s) Addressed	Priority (H / M / L)	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding	Lead Agency / Department	Implementation Schedule	Applies to New and / or Existing Structures
3	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 & Regulations	Flood, Windstorm/ Tornado, Winter Storm	High	Low - Medium	Local Budget	Municipality (via Municipal Engineer/NFIP Floodplain Administrator) with support from PEMA, ISO FEMA	Ongoing	New & Existing

	Mitigation Action	Mitigation Technique Category	Hazard(s) Addressed	Priority (H / M / L)	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding	Lead Agency / Department	Implementation Schedule	Applies to New and / or Existing Structures
4	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 & Awareness	All Hazards	High	Low- Medium	Municipal Budget	Municipality with support from Planning Partners, PEMA, FEMA	Short	N/A

	Mitigation Action	Mitigation Technique Category	Hazard(s) Addressed	Priority (H / M / L)	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding	Lead Agency / Department	Implementation Schedule	Applies to New and / or Existing Structures
5	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 & Regulations	Flood; Subsidence/ Sinkholes	High	Low	Municipal Budget	Municipality (via Municipal Engineer/NFIP Floodplain Administrator) with support from PEMA, FEMA	Short	New & Existing
6	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 & Regulations	Flood, Windstorm/ Tornado, Winter Storm	High	Low	Municipal Budget	NFIP Floodplain Administrator	Short (DOF)	N/A
7	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 & Regulations	Flood, Windstorm/ Tornado, Winter Storm	Medium	Low	Municipal Budget	NFIP Floodplain Administrator with support from PADEP, PEMA, FEMA	Short (year 1)	N/A
8	Obtain and archive elevation certificates for NFIP compliance.	Local plans & Regulations	Flood, Windstorm/ Tornado, Winter Storm	High	Low	Local Budget	NFIP Floodplain Administrator	On-going	N/A

	Mitigation Action	Mitigation Technique Category	Hazard(s) Addressed	Priority (H / M / L)	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding	Lead Agency / Department	Implementation Schedule	Applies to New and / or Existing Structures
9	Continue to support the implementation, monitoring, maintenance, and updating of this Plan, as defined in Section 7.0	AII Categories	All Hazards	High	Low – High (for 5-year update)	Local 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 & Existing
10	Complete the ongoing updates of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans	Local plans & Regulations	All Hazards	High	Low	Local Budget	Municipality with support from PEMA	Ongoing	New & Existing
11	Create/enhance/maintain mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities for continuity of operations.	All Categories	All Hazards	High	Low	Local Budget	Municipality with support from surrounding municipalities and County	Ongoing	New & Existing
12	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 & Awareness	All Hazards	Medium	Medium	Local budget	Municipality with support from County, PEMA, FEMA	Short	N/A
13	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 & Awareness	All Hazards	Medium	Medium	Local budget, FEMA HMA grant programs	Municipality with support from County, PEMA	Short – Long- term DOF	N/A

Mitigation Action		Mitigation Action	Mitigation Technique Category	Hazard(s) Addressed	Priority (H / M / L)	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding	Lead Agency / Department	Implementation Schedule	Applies to New and / or Existing Structures
	14	Purchase at least two more generators for the borough. This will allow us to power the borough building and firehouse during emergencies.	Structure & Infrastructure	All Hazards, except: Drought, Radon, Invasive Species, Pandemic and Infectious Disease, and Drug Overdose Crisis	Medium	Medium	Grants	Borough Council / grant writer		Existing
	15	Determine if a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) or Community Assistance Contact (CAC) is needed, and schedule if needed.	Local Plans & Regulations	Flood, Windstorm/ Tornado, Winter Storm	Medium	Low	Municipal Budget	NFIP Floodplain Administrator with support from PADEP, PEMA, FEMA	Short (year 1)	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