

## **Bethlehem Township, Northampton County Annex**

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### **Municipal Profile**

Bethlehem Township is mainly a residential township with industrial, commercial and some agriculture properties and is located in the southeastern part of Northampton County. It encompasses an area of approximately 14.7 square miles and has a population of 26,012 (*2023 estimated Census*). The township is bordered by Bethlehem City and Freemansburg Borough to the southwest; Hanover Township to the west; Lower Nazareth Township to the north; Palmer Township to the east; Easton to the southeast; and Lower Saucon Township to the south.

The Lehigh River forms the township's southern border with Lower Saucon Township. The Monocacy Creek flows from Lower Nazareth Township south through the northwestern part of the township, and into Bethlehem City. Nancy Run creek also flows through the township, beginning in the central portion of the township and flowing south into the Lehigh River.

US Route 22 travels east-west through the northern part of the township. It has an interchange with PA Route 33, which runs north-south through the eastern portion of the township, in the township's northeast corner. PA Route 191 is another north-south roadway, found in the northwestern part of the township. Other major east-west roadways include Freemansburg Avenue in the south, and William Penn Highway / Easton Avenue in the central portion of the township. A railroad operated by Norfolk Southern passes through the township's northwest boundaries with roadway crossings at Christian Springs Road and Brodhead Road. Numerous types of goods

transported include but are not limited to industrial products, chemicals, agriculture, construction products, coal, metals, paper, and clays.

Lehigh Valley Industrial Parks IV and VI are located in the township. LVIP IV is located on the northwest boundaries bordered by Lower Nazareth and Hanover Township's and LVIP VI is located on the southeast portion of Bethlehem Township. Both industrial parks maintain properties of industrial manufacturing, factories, storage and distribution facilities as well as high hazard facilities with storage and manufacturing of reportable hazardous materials. Located on the southeast boundary is a hospital, cancer center, and medical office building owned and operated by St. Luke's Health Network and has been operational since 2011.

## 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.

Angela Kelly, Local EMC / Fire Marshal  
Role: Local EMC & Fire Marshal

Larry Resar, Local Deputy EMC  
Role: Deputy Local EMC

Doug Bruce, Township Manager  
Role: Township Secretary / Committee Liaison

Richard Kanaskie, Public Work Director  
Role: Public Works Director

Samantha Smith, Community Development Director  
Role: Planning / Committee Liaison

Aaron Stasiw, Zoning Officer / Floodplain Administrator  
Role: Committee Liaison

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.  
None
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 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Current: We will utilize our newsletter and social media to engage the public in the planning process.

Past: Same

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

Topic	Identify source of information if different from the one listed.	Additional Comments
<b>1. Staff Resources</b>		
Is the Community Floodplain Administrator (FPA) or NFIP Coordinator certified?	Community FPA	Yes
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	Permit review and GIS mapping.
What are the barriers to running an effective NFIP program in the community, if any?	Community FPA	None
<b>2. Compliance History</b>		
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
When was the most recent Community Assistance Visits (CAV) or Community Assistance Contact (CAC)?	FEMA – March 7, 2022	Unknown
Is a CAV or CAC scheduled or needed?		No
<b>3. Regulation</b>		
When did the community enter the NFIP?	NFIP Community Status Book	6/14/1974
Are the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) digital or paper? How are residents assisted with mapping?	Community FPA	Both digital and hard copy
Do floodplain regulations meet or exceed FEMA or State minimum requirements? If so, in what ways?	Community FPA	The local flood plain ordinance was adopted after the most recent update.
Describe the permitting process	Community FPA, State, FEMA NFIP	Zoning Officer & outside agencies review permits.

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

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	As of 9/22/2023 – 51 policies & \$55,461 in premiums
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	As of 9/22/2023 – 56 claims & \$2,133,034.02 paid to claims
How many structures are exposed to flood risk within the community?	Community FPA or GIS Analyst	No information of such on-hand.
Describe any areas of flood risk with limited NFIP policy coverage	Community FPA or FEMA Insurance Specialist	No information of such on-hand.
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 ( <a href="http://www.fema.gov/floodinsurancemanual.gov">http://www.fema.gov/floodinsurancemanual.gov</a> )	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.

Country Meadows Retirement Home	Arden Courts – Old Orchard Health Care Center
Birches of Bethlehem	Northampton Post-Acute Care
St. Lukes Hospital – Anderson Campus	

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

Freedom High School	BASD Vo-Tech
Moravian Academy	Bethlehem Christian School
Miller Heights Elementary School	Farmersville Elementary School
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School	Notre Dame High School
Bethlehem Township Community Center	St. Lukes Hospital – Anderson Campus
Northampton Community College (school & residence halls)	

### 2. Economy

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

Our economy is driven by its location, proximity to the 78, 33, and 22 highways. The biggest impact to our businesses would be the inability to access those transportation corridors.

### 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.

Riparian areas of the Nancy Run Creek, Monocacy Creek, and the Lehigh River.

## 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.

Any structures in the floodplain are of concern.

The oldest areas of construction in Bethlehem Township would be in the Heights and the Annex districts, adjacent to Bethlehem City and Freemansburg Borough. The Chetwin Terrace Neighborhood adjacent to Palmer Township is an older neighborhood that is also subject to flooding.

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

City of Bethlehem Water Tank

Easton Suburban Water Tank

Sanitary Sewer Pump Stations: Pump Station #1-12

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

Two dams

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

St. Luke's Hospital – Anderson Campus

Bethlehem Township Police Department

Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire and EMS

Nancy Run Fire Company

Bethlehem Township Public Works Building

Bethlehem Township PPIS/BTMA Building

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

The Janet Johnston and William D. Housenick Memorial Park

D&L Trail and Canal (along the Lehigh River)

## Capability Assessment

Capability	✓ Regulatory ✓ Tools ✓ Programs	Status			Department / Agency Responsible	Effect on Hazard Loss Reduction: - <u>S</u> upports - <u>N</u> eutral - <u>H</u> inders	Change since 2024 Plan? + Positive - Negative	Has the 2024 Plan been integrated into the Regulatory Tool/Program ? If so, how?	How can these capabilities be expanded and improved to reduce risk?	Additional Comments
		In Place	Date Adopted or Updated	Under Development						
1. Planning & Regulatory	Comprehensive Plan	X	Updated 2017		Township Administration / Community Development Dept.	S				New plan under development
	Capital Improvement Plan									
	Economic Development Plan									
	Continuity of Operations Plan									
	Stormwater Management Plan / Ordinance	X	2023		Twp. Admin./ Community Development Dept.	S				Originally adopted 1988, Stormwater Management Committee, Stormwater Fee used for MS4 PRP & to mitigate current flooding issues
	Open Space Management Plan (or Parks/Rec., Greenways Plan)	X	Amended 2014		Twp. Admin./ Community Development Dept.	S				Adopted 1995
	Natural Resource Protection Plan									
	Transportation Plan	X	2023		Community Development Dept.	S				Active Transportation Plan
	Historic Preservation Plan									
	Floodplain Management Plan	X	2014		Twp. Admin./ Community Development Dept.	S				Originally adopted in 1980

**Capability Assessment – continued**

Capability	✓ Regulatory ✓ Tools ✓ Programs	Status			Department / Agency Responsible	Effect on Hazard Loss Reduction: -Supports -Neutral -Hinders	Change since 2024 Plan? + Positive - Negative	Has the 2024 Plan been integrated into the Regulatory Tool/Program? If so, how?	How can these capabilities be expanded and improved to reduce risk?	Additional Comments
		In Place	Date Adopted or Updated	Under Development						
1. Planning & Regulatory	Farmland Preservation									
	Evacuation Plan									
	Disaster Recovery Plan									Challenge in funding and staffing
	Hazard Mitigation Plan	X	2018		Twp. Admin. / Community Development Dept.			N/A		
	Emergency Operations Plan	X	4/2023		Twp. Admin. / Community Development Dept.					
	Zoning Regulations	X	2021		Twp. Admin. / Community Development Dept.					
	Floodplain Regulations	X	2014		Twp. Admin. / Community Development Dept.				Currently 51 active NFIP policies (through 9/22/2023)	
	NFIP Participation	X	1993		Twp. Admin. / Community Development Dept.					

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		In Place	Date Adopted or Updated	Under Development						
1. Planning & Regulatory	Building Code	X	2018		Twp. Admin. / Community Development Dept.					Adopted 2018 IBC, 2018 IPMC, & plan to adopt updated one soon
	Fire Code	X	2018		Twp. Admin. / Community Development Dept.					2009 International Fire Code, originally adopted in 2009
	Other									

**Capability Assessment – continued**

Capability	✓ Staff ✓ Personnel ✓ Resources	Yes	No	Department / Agency	Change since 2024 Plan? + Positive - Negative	How can these capabilities be expanded and improved to reduce risk?	Additional Comments
<b>2. Administrative &amp; Technology</b>	Planners (with land use / land development knowledge)	X		Community Development Dept.			
	Planners or engineers (with natural and / or human caused hazards knowledge)	X		Community Development Dept.			
	Engineers or professionals trained in building and / or infrastructure construction practices (including building inspectors)	X		Community Development Dept.			
	Emergency Manager	X		Community Development Dept.			
	Floodplain administrator / manager	X		Community Development Dept.			
	Land surveyors	X		Engineering			
	Staff familiar with the hazards of the community	X		Community Development Dept.			
	Personnel skilled in Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and / or FEMA's HAZUS program	X		3 <sup>rd</sup> party			
	Grant writers or fiscal staff to handle large / complex grants	X		Community Development Dept.			
	Other			Community Development Dept.			

**Capability Assessment – continued**

Capability		Yes	No	Department / Agency	Change since 2024 Plan? + Positive - Negative	How can these capabilities be expanded and improved to reduce risk?	Additional Comments
3. Financial Resources	Capital improvement programming	X		Administrative / Community Development Dept. / Finance			
	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)						
	Special purposes taxes	X		Finance			
	Gas / Electricity utility fees						
	Water / Sewer fees	X		PPIS (Sewer)			
	Stormwater utility fees	X		BTMA	+		Implemented January 2022
	Development impact fees	X		Community Development Dept.			
	General obligation, revenue, and / or special tax bonds	X		Finance			
	Partnering arrangements or intergovernmental agreements	X		Administrative / Legislative / Community Development Dept.			
	Other	X					BRIC, FEMA PA for DR4506

**Capability Assessment – continued**

Capability	✓ Program ✓ Organization	Yes	No	Department / Agency	Change since 2024 Plan? + Positive - Negative	How can these capabilities be expanded and improved to reduce risk?	Additional Comments
4. Education & Outreach	Firewise Communities Certification						
	StormReady Certification						
	Natural disaster or safety-related school programs						N/A Township has no control over BASD
	Ongoing public education or information programs such as, responsible water use, fire safety, household preparedness, and environmental education.	X		Internal	Enhanced website capabilities & changeable message signs strategically placed in the Twp.		
	Public-private partnership initiatives addressing disaster related issues.						
	Local citizen groups or non-profit organizations focused on environmental protection, emergency preparedness, access and functional needs populations, etc.	X		Public Works	+		Environmental Action Committee (Summer 2022) Administered by Public Works, BTEMS, BTVFC, NRVFC
	Other						

**Capability Assessment – continued**

Capability		Degree of Capability			Change since the 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan? If so, how?	Additional Comments
		Limited	Moderate	High		
5. Self – Assessment	Planning and Regulatory			X		
	Administrative and Technical			X		
	Financial			X		
	Education and Outreach			X		

**Known or Anticipated Future Development / Redevelopment**

Development / Property Name	Type of Development	Number of Structures	Location	Known Hazard Zone	Description / Status
N/A	N/A		N/A		N/A

**Natural & Non-Natural Event History Specific to Bethlehem Township**

Type of Event and Date(s)	FEMA Disaster # (if applicable)	Local Damage(s) or Loss(es)
COVID-19 Pandemic – March, 2020	DR-4506-PA	Emergency Protective measures to combat COVID-19 Pandemic.
Remnants of Hurricane Ida – August, 2022	DR-4618-PA	Assistance to eligible individuals and families affected by this disaster.

## 2018 Municipal Action Plan Status

Existing Mitigation Action (from 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan)		Status					Additional Comments
		No Progress / Unknown	In Progress	Continuous	Completed	Discontinued	
1	Stormwater management programs, mitigation efforts.			X	X		The Township has been engaged with a stormwater engineer to map the stormwater system, conduct a hydrological study, and make recommendations to the Commissioners on capital improvements.
2	Hazardous Materials Release, education, prevention, certification of emergency responders to control and mitigate hazardous materials releases.			X			
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.			X			Updated mitigation plan to include stormwater management projects that we hoped would be funded by FEMA.
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: Willow Park Road, LVIP IV and VI 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				
5	Continue to support the implementation, monitoring, maintenance, and updating of this Plan, as defined in Section 7.0.	X					
6	Complete the ongoing updates of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans.			X			
7	Create/enhance/maintain mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities for continuity of operations.			X			2025 – agreements for emergency response on specific border properties

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		No Progress / Unknown	In Progress	Continuous	Completed	Discontinued	
8	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.			X			
9	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).			X			
10	Walnut Street and 10th Street Drainage Issues: Incorporation of roadside swales along Walnut Street and Turner Street along with extension of existing 36" storm pipe to Nancy Run. This system was approximated with the goal of capturing and conveying the 25-year (4%) storm event.			X			
11	Santee Road/Sunset Drive/Easton Avenue Drainage Issues: Initially Preferred Alternative – Add Detention Storage in North Hills Area of City and Township through expansion of peak flow rate control facilities (detention basins) and green infrastructure techniques, it would be feasible to greatly reduce the frequency and extent of flooding for the 25-year (4%) design storm by targeting areas within the Township and City for retrofit opportunities. The structural improvements needed to reduce flooding along Santee Road, Sunset Drive, Easton Avenue and Willow Park Road would include: 24.4 ac-ft. of upstream volume storage and 0.5 acres of bio retention (green infrastructure).		X	X			Bethlehem Township Municipal Authority (BTMA) Stormwater Capital Plan
12	Blue Restaurant and ABE Salvage Drainage Issues Alternative 1: This alternative involves replacing a trunk-line main in front of Blue Restaurant and creating a new conveyance down Farmersville Road directly to the Nancy Run. This system was approximated with the goal of capturing and conveying the 25 year (4%) storm event. Alternative 2: This alternative involves decommissioning the existing pipe that runs through ABE salvage yard and implementing dual pipes along Farmersville Road. This system was approximated with the goal of capturing and conveying the 25 year (4%) storm event.			X			

**2018 Municipal Action Plan Status – continued**

Existing Mitigation Action (from 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan)		Status					Additional Comments
		No Progress / Unknown	In Progress	Continuous	Completed	Discontinued	
13	Willow Park Road Flooding Issues Alternative 1: This alternative involves the establishment of flood protection barriers (shields) to protect properties, which are repetitively impacted by high flood stage events. This system was approximated with the goal of capturing and conveying the 25-year (4%) storm event. Alternative 2: This alternative would involve the streambank restoration as a means of expanding the capacity of the watercourse within this area through floodplain improvements. This alternative would require purchase of private property; however, it would provide a high degree of sediment reduction credit, which could be thought of as an offsetting cost measure. This system was approximated with the goal of capturing and conveying the 25year (4%) storm event.			X			
14	Sculac Drive and Wilson Avenue Flooding Alternative 1: (Initially Preferred Alternative) This alternative involves the extension of a culvert system to collect and convey runoff from a tributary of the Lehigh River. This conveyance system is proposed to include five structures and approximately 415 LF of 72" RCP. This system was sized to capture and convey the 100 Year (1%) storm event. Alternative 2: (Value Engineering Option) This alternative follows the same design approach as alternative 1 but instead considers the use of structural steel plate corrugated metal pipe (CMP). This is presented as a value engineering option; however, it was not selected as an initially preferred alternative since the service life of a CMP collection header would not compare well to the service life of RCP.		X	X			Portions of this work are completed or in progress.
15	Chetwin Terrace Drainage Issues Alternative: 1 (Initially Preferred Alternative) This alternative involves the establishment of a stormwater collection system to collect and covey runoff within the Chetwin Terrace neighborhood. This system was approximated with the goal of capturing and conveying the 25-year (4% probability of exceedance) storm event. Alternative 2: This alternative is similar to alternative 1. However in addition, would include opportunities for water quality reduction credits by utilization of a porous pipe system and implementation of rain gardens throughout Chetwin Terrace neighborhood.			X			

**2018 Municipal Action Plan Status – continued**

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		No Progress / Unknown	In Progress	Continuous	Completed	Discontinued	
16	Alternative 1: (Initially Preferred Alternative) This alternative considers the extension of a storm main and was sized to capture and convey the 25-year storm event. This alternative would require coordination with Northampton Country Club as permission and potential easements would be required from Northampton Country Club (to be conveyed to the Township). It is expected that this alternative would also benefit the Country Club, as their driving range would likely be better drained during typical rainfall events than it is currently. Alternative 2: Same as the initially preferred alternative, however this alternative includes provisions for perforated piping and open bottom inlets to provide volume removal benefitting flood control and water quality (MS4/PRP) concerns. The geological makeup of this region of the Township includes many karst formations, which cause concern with sinkholes. Any area where infiltration is proposed should also include a detailed geological investigation. Consequently, the budget for this item has been increased to consider this investigation.			X			

**Notes:**

1. Actions not carried through to the 2023 Action Plan are so noted.
2. To maintain National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) compliance, actions related to the NFIP were carried through to the 2023 Action Plan even if identified by the municipality as completed.

## 2024 Mitigation Action Plan

Mitigation Action		Mitigation Action Category	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	Stormwater management programs, mitigation efforts.	1	Structure & Infrastructure	Flood	Medium	High	Federal, State, County Grant funding	Township Engineer / Bethlehem Township Municipal Authority	Ongoing	New & Existing
2	Hazardous Materials Release, education, prevention, certification of emergency responders to control and mitigate hazardous materials releases.	23	Education & Awareness	All Hazards	High	Low	Federal, State and Local Training Programs	Emergency Services	Ongoing	New & Existing
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.	3	Local Plans & Regulations	Flood	High	Low - Medium	Municipal Budget	Municipality (via Municipal Engineer/NFIP Floodplain Administrator) w/ support from PEMA, ISO FEMA	Ongoing	New & Existing

**2024 Mitigation Action Plan – continued**

Mitigation Action		Mitigation Action Category	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	<p>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: Willow Park Road, LVIP IV and VI. Provide and maintain links to the HMP website, and regularly post notices on the County/municipal homepage(s) referencing the HMP webpages.</p> <p>- 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.</p>	1	Education & Awareness	All Hazards	High	Low-Medium	Municipal Budget	Municipality w/ support from Planning Partners, PEMA, FEMA, NorCo EM	Short-term	N/A

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5	Continue to support the implementation, monitoring, maintenance, and updating of this Plan, as defined in Section 7.0.	1	All Categories	All Hazards	High	Low – High (for 5-year update)	Municipal Budget, possibly FEMA Mitigation Grant Funding for 5-year update	Municipality (via mitigation planning point of contacts) w/ support from Planning Partners (through their Points of Contact), PEMA	Ongoing	New & Existing
6	Complete the ongoing updates of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plans.	1	Local Plans & Regulations	All Hazards	Medium	Low	Municipal Budget	Municipality w/ support from PEMA	Ongoing	New & Existing
7	Create/enhance/maintain mutual aid agreements with neighboring communities for continuity of operations.	1	All Categories	All Hazards	Medium	Low	Municipal Budget	Municipality w/ support from surrounding municipalities and County	Ongoing	New & Existing
8	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.	12	Education & Awareness	All Hazards	Low	Medium	Municipal Budget	Municipality w/ support from County, PEMA, FEMA	Short-term	N/A

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9	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).	1	Education & Awareness	All Hazards	Medium	Medium	Municipal Budget, FEMA HMA grant programs	Municipality w/ support from County, PEMA	Short-, long-term (depending on funding)	N/A
40	<del>Walnut Street and 10th Street Drainage Issues: Incorporation of roadside swales along Walnut Street and Turner Street along with extension of existing 36" storm pipe to Nancy Run. This system was approximated with the goal of capturing and conveying the 25-year (4%) storm event.</del>	15	Structure & Infrastructure	Flooding	Medium	High	FEMA Mitigation Funding, Municipal Budget	Municipality w/ support	Short-Term	Existing
<b>NOTE:</b> Per municipality this mitigation action has been completed.										

**2024 Mitigation Action Plan – continued**

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12	Blue Restaurant and ABE Salvage Drainage Issues Alternative 1: This alternative involves replacing a trunk-line main in front of Blue Restaurant and creating a new conveyance down Farmersville Road directly to the Nancy Run. This system was approximated with the goal of capturing and conveying the 25 year (4%) storm event. Alternative 2: This alternative involves decommissioning the existing pipe that runs through ABE salvage yard and implementing dual pipes along Farmersville Road. This system was approximated with the goal of capturing and conveying the 25 year (4%) storm event.	15	Structure & Infrastructure	Flooding	Medium	High	FEMA Mitigation Funding, Municipal Budget	Municipality w/ support	Short-Term	Existing

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Mitigation Action		Mitigation Action Category	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
13	<p>Willow Park Road Flooding Issues Alternative 1: This alternative involves the establishment of flood protection barriers (shields) to protect properties, which are repetitively impacted by high flood stage events. This system was approximated with the goal of capturing and conveying the 25-year (4%) storm event.</p> <p>Alternative 2: This alternative would involve the streambank restoration as a means of expanding the capacity of the watercourse within this area through floodplain improvements. This alternative would require purchase of private property; however, it would provide a high degree of sediment reduction credit, which could be thought of as an offsetting cost measure. This system was approximated with the goal of capturing and conveying the 25-year (4%) storm event.</p>	15	Structure & Infrastructure	Flooding	High	High	FEMA Mitigation Funding, Municipal Budget	Municipality w/ support	Long-Term	Existing

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14	<p>Sculac Drive and Wilson Avenue Flooding</p> <p>Alternative 1: (Initially Preferred Alternative) This alternative involves the extension of a culvert system to collect and convey runoff from a tributary of the Lehigh River. This conveyance system is proposed to include five structures and approximately 415 LF of 72" RCP. This system was sized to capture and convey the 100 Year (1%) storm event.</p> <p>Alternative 2: (Value Engineering Option) This alternative follows the same design approach as alternative 1 but instead considers the use of structural steel plate corrugated metal pipe (CMP). This is presented as a value engineering option; however, it was not selected as an initially preferred alternative since the service life of a CMP collection header would not compare well to the service life of RCP.</p>	15	Structure & Infrastructure	Flooding	Medium	High	FEMA Mitigation Funding, Municipal Budget	Municipality w/ support	Short-Term	Existing
<b>NOTE:</b> Per municipality this mitigation action has been completed.										

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15	<p>Chetwin Terrace Drainage Issues</p> <p>Alternative: 1 (Initially Preferred Alternative) This alternative involves the establishment of a stormwater collection system to collect and convey runoff within the Chetwin Terrace neighborhood. This system was approximated with the goal of capturing and conveying the 25-year (4% probability of exceedance) storm event.</p> <p>Alternative 2: This alternative is similar to alternative 1. However in addition, would include opportunities for water quality reduction credits by utilization of a porous pipe system and implementation of rain gardens throughout Chetwin Terrace neighborhood.</p>	15	Structure & Infrastructure	Flooding	High	High	FEMA Mitigation Funding, Municipal Budget	Municipality w/ support	Long-Term	Existing

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16	William Penn Highway & Ohio Street Flooding Issues Alternative 1: (Initially Preferred Alternative) This alternative considers the extension of a storm main & was sized to capture & convey the 25-year storm event. This alternative would require coordination with Northampton Country Club as permission & potential easements would be required from Northampton Country Club (to be conveyed to the Township). It is expected that this alternative would also benefit the Country Club, as their driving range would likely be better drained during typical rainfall events than it is currently. Alternative 2: Same as the initially preferred alternative, however this alternative includes provisions for perforated piping & open bottom inlets to provide volume removal benefitting flood control & water quality (MS4 / PRP) concerns.	15	Structure & Infrastructure	Flooding	Medium	High	FEMA Mitigation Funding, Municipal Budget	Municipality w/ support	Long-Term	Existing
	#16 continued: The geological makeup of this region of the Township includes many karst formations, which cause concern with sinkholes. Any area where infiltration is proposed should also include a detailed geological investigation. Consequently, the budget for this item has been increased to consider this investigation.									

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17 Help communities upstream and downstream of the Rolling Greens Dam and communities that could be impacted by dam failure (e.g., loss of water for firefighting activities if they rely on a reservoir) to better understand their risk to be better prepared during an emergency.	4	Education & Awareness	Dam Failure, Flood	High	Low	N/A	Municipality w/ support	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):

- **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