

Schuylkill County 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan

Municipal Adoption Resolution

Resolution No. 5-2013

Schuylkill Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania

WHEREAS, the Township of Schuylkill, Pennsylvania is most vulnerable to natural and human-made hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires state and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Schuylkill acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds, and

WHEREAS, the Schuylkill County 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Schuylkill County Planning and Zoning Office and Schuylkill County Emergency Management Agency in cooperation with other county departments and officials and citizens of the Township of Schuylkill, and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Schuylkill County 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Schuylkill County 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by both natural and human-made hazards that face the County and its municipal governments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body for the Township of Schuylkill

- The Schuylkill County 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Township of Schuylkill and
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the Schuylkill County 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

ADOPTED, this 4th day of December, 2013

ATTEST

Mary E. Beibel

TOWNSHIP OF Schuylkill

By Linda Detendis

By Wanda

By Cheryl

Recommendations for Improvements Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania

1. When the plan is updated next, a better integration with other existing planning mechanisms needs to be included in the plan. For example the County Comprehensive plan should be analyzed to determine how this all hazard mitigation plan can be incorporated into that existing planning mechanism and how the comprehensive plan can be incorporated into the hazard mitigation plan.
2. The lowest floor elevation of the most vulnerable structures could be determined and kept as an annex to the plan.
3. The annual meetings of the planning committee should be held and documentation of those annual meetings needs to be placed in the updated plan.
4. When the plan is updated next, better documentation on how each section was analyzed and better documentation of what has changed from the previous plan needs to be included.
5. The lead for the updated plan should attempt to gain more participation from the many stakeholder involved in the planning process. More specifically, attendance by township and borough should be improved at committee meetings.
6. A thorough reporting of the progress to implement mitigation projects needs to be included when the plan is updated.
7. In the next plan update, the plan could include information on how the NFIP is managed in each of the jurisdictions. Information that could be included in the plan; process to ensure new construction is complaint with the local floodplain ordinances, how residents are assisted in mapping issues, how substantially damaged structures are managed to ensure compliance with the latest floodplain ordinance.



FEMA

February 6, 2014

Linda DeCindio, Chairman
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Municipality: Schuylkill Township
County, State: Schuylkill, PA
Adoption Date: 12/4/2013
Date Approved: 1/10/2014
Expiration Date: 1/10/2019

Re: Hazard Mitigation Plan Approval

Dear Chairman DeCindio:

The Hazard Mitigation Plan for your community has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Your community is now eligible to apply for federal disaster assistance until the plan expires as stated above.


The plan was reviewed and approved based on the criteria contained in 44 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 201, as authorized by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA2K). These criteria address the planning process, risk assessment (including hazard identification), mitigation strategy and plan maintenance process requirements. Enclosed is a list of specific recommendations for improving the plan. FEMA encourages communities to improve and update their plans as well as take mitigation actions by implementing strategies within the plan. Some resources to assist you include:

Mitigation Ideas: A Resource for Reducing Risk to Natural Hazards
<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=6938>

Integrating Hazard Mitigation Into Local Planning: Case Studies and Tools for
Community Officials <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=7130>

If you have questions, please contact Ernie Szabo, State Hazard Mitigation Planner, at (717) 671-2547. I commend you for your dedication demonstrated in preparing and adopting a strategy to reduce future disaster losses.

Sincerely,



Eugene K. Gruber, P.E.
Director, Mitigation Division

Enclosure

cc: Thomas Hughes, Pennsylvania State Hazard Mitigation Officer