Milford Township

From:

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Sent:

Thursday, July 15, 2021 2:46 PM

To: Cc:

milfrdtp@ptd.net milfrdtp@ptd.net

Subject:

System for Award Management (SAM).

This email was sent by an automated administrator. Please do not reply to this message.

Dear Shahana Shamim.

The registration for Milford Township / is now active in the U.S. federal government's System for Award Management (SAM). If you did not provide a Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code during the registration process, one has been assigned to you by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) CAGE Program.

To remain eligible to do business with the federal government, you must renew your entity's registration in SAM every year. The annual renewal date for the registration is 2022-07-13 12:01:29.131.

You may invite additional users to manage or review your entity registration by following these steps:

- Go to https://www.sam.gov and log in.
- On the Workspace page, scroll down to the User Directory.
- Enter the email address of the user you want to invite and select Enter or select the email address from the list.
- On the next page, select the Assign Role button in the top right corner of the page.
- On the Assign Role page, follow the instructions provided and then select Send Invitation at the bottom of the page.
- The user will be notified.

All invitees will receive an email message from SAM with instructions on how to complete the process.

Remember, this process is entirely FREE to you. It is FREE to register and maintain your registration in SAM. It is FREE to get help with your registration. Contact our supporting Federal Service Desk at www.fsd.gov, or by telephone at 866-606-8220 (toll free) or 334-206-7828 (internationally).

In addition, if you are located in the U.S. and its outlying areas, you can get FREE support from your local Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), an official resource for government contracting assistance. Go to http://www.aptac-us.org/ to find your closest PTAC.

Thank you,

The System for Award Management (SAM) Administrator https://www.sam.gov

Milford Township

From:

Krista Gromalski [kgromalski@pikepa.org]

Sent:

Wednesday, July 14, 2021 2:06 PM

Subject:

Pike Responder Camp

Attachments:

Pike_Responder_Camp_Press_Release.docx

Good Afternoon

Please see the attached press release regarding a free, three-day Pike Responder Camp for young people ages 10-18.

Kind regards,

Krista Gromalski Communications Director *Pike County Commissioners Office*



ext. 1290 570-296-9805 office 570-832-1434 cell 506 Broad Street Milford, PA 18337 PikePa.org

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE July 14, 2021

CONTACT: Krista Gromalski 570-296-9805 office / 570-832-1434 cell / kgromalski@pikepa.org

Pike Responder Camp for Ages 10 - 18

MILFORD, PA — The Pike County Public Safety Department will host a free three-day Responder Camp for young people, ages 10 to 18. The camp will be held August 17th through August 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Training Center, located at 135 Pike County Boulevard, in Lords Valley.

Each day will focus on a different responder service including law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical service (EMS). The camp will be taught by Pike County Office of Emergency Management staff along with members from various responder programs including the Sherriff's Office, the Pike County Correctional Facility, emergency medical services agencies, fire protection agencies, and potentially the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

There are no costs associated with attending the camp and there is no registration deadline. However, it is preferred to register prior to August 16^{th} .

For more information or to register for the camp, please contact Jordan Wisniewski at 570-296-1960 or by email at jwisniewski@pikepa.org.

Milford Township

From: Sent: Milford Township [milfrdtp@ptd.net] Wednesday, July 14, 2021 12:06 PM

To:

'penney luhrs'; 'Rachel Hendricks'; 'Gary Williams'; 'Robert DiLorenzo': 'rav@rar.bz';

'raklap.kw@gmail.com'; 'Patrick McCarthy'; 'Peggy Emanuel'; 'Shawn B'

Subject:

FW: FW: Pike County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Attachments:

Pike HMP_Planning Team Kick Off_070121.pdf; PP Kickoff Meeting Minutes_070121.pdf;

HazMit Grant Application Assistance.pdf

Hi All,

Here's a correspondence from Pike County Office of Community Planning.

Thanks,

Shahana Shamim Secretary/Treasurer Milford Township Pike County

From: Peggy Emanuel [mailto:peggyemanuel@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 11:45 AM

To: Milford Township

Subject: Fwd: FW: Pike County Hazard Mitigation Plan

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From: Milford Township < milfrdtp@ptd.net >

Date: Thu, Jul 8, 2021, 12:47 PM

Subject: FW: Pike County Hazard Mitigation Plan To: Peggy Emanuel peggyemanuel@gmail.com>

From: Brian Snyder [mailto:bsnyder@pikepa.org]

Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2021 12:22 PM

To: Jo-Anna Donahue; Krista Predmore; Karen Kleist; Bill Mikulak; Amanda Seagraves; Denise LACKAWAXEN TOWNSHIP (denise@lackawaxentownshippa.gov); Robert Rohner Jr. (lehmanpk@ptd.net); secretary@matamorasborough.com; Laurie DiGeso; MILFORD TOWNSHIP - COG MEMBER (milfrdtp@ptd.net); Jo-Ann Rose; info; SHOHOLA TWP. COG (shohtwp@ptd.net); Jodi Manheim

Cc: Lorraine Lombardo; Gary Orben; Matt Osterberg; Ronald R. Schmalzle; Steve Guccini; Mike Mrozinski; Apgar,

Heather; Long, Kate; Krista Gromalski

Subject: Pike County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Importance: High

Good Morning Pike County HMP Planning Team,

Thank you to all who attended our kick-off meeting on July 1st. We hope you found the meeting informative and we are looking forward to working with you over the next year to update the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Attached, please find the meeting minutes and the presentation. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

PEMA asked that we inform you of the Upper Delaware/Lackawaxen Watershed Hazard Mitigation Grant Application Assistance information session that will be held virtually on July 9th (Friday) at 9:30am. The flyer is attached.

The following is a summary list of action items we are asking everyone to complete before our next meeting (early to mid-October; date TBD).

- Meeting minutes please review and provide any feedback
- Public Survey if you live or work in Pike County, please take our public survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PikeHMP CitizenSurvey). This survey helps us collect input from the public to get an understanding of their preparedness or natural events. We ask that you share the survey on your municipal websites or social media accounts to help us gather as many responses as we can. We will follow-up with social media graphics and language you can use to get the word out about the HMP update.
- Stakeholder Survey if you are associated with any of the following: academic/education, business/commerce, emergency services, hospitals/health care, transportation, public works, or utilities, please complete our stakeholder survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PikeHMP Stakeholder). This survey helps us gather information from the various organizations providing services to Pike County.
- Project website we have developed a stand-alone website that will be used to provide dates of upcoming meetings, draft sections of the plan, and information about the overall planning process. Check it out here (https://www.pikecountypahmp.com/) and post a link to the site on your municipal website.
- Worksheets during the presentation, Tetra Tech discussed worksheets that will be used to gather information from each out. We will be following up with worksheets and instructions on how to complete. Completed worksheets are due by <u>August 6, 2021</u>

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Brian Snyder, Community Planner

Pike County Office of Community Planning

837 Route 6, Unit 3

Shohola, PA 18458





Pike County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) 2021 Update

Planning Team Kickoff Meeting | July 1, 2021

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Agenda



- Attendance
- » Please use the chat feature to state your name and municipality
- Hazard Mitigation what is it and what are the benefits
- Planning Process
- Review Schedule
- * Introduce Worksheets
- Next Steps
- Questions

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Hazard Mitigation - What is it?

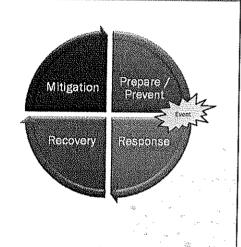


Mitigation is a sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property from a hazard event

-or-

Any action taken to reduce future disaster losses

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



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Does Mitigation Work??



According to the January 2019
National Institute of Building Sciences
Natural Hazard Mitigation Saves:
2018 Interim Report, federal
mitigation grants save \$6 for every \$1
spent!

More Mitigation Measures, More Savings



One dollar invested in mitigation = six dollars U.S. saves in future costs

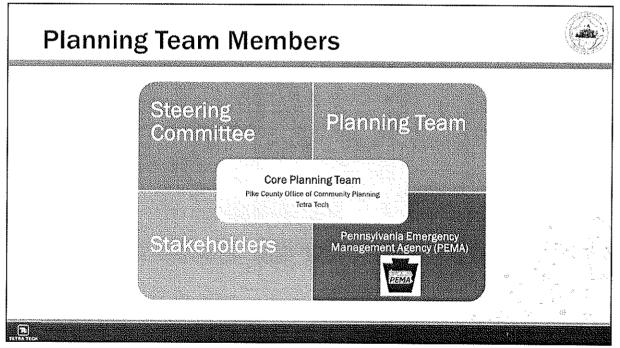


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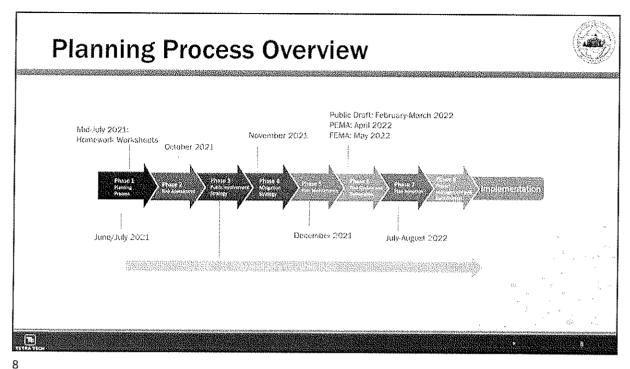


Why Update? \$400,000 Cold/Wind Chill \$15,000 *The mitigation plan update will: Drought \$200,000 (crop) Help the County prepare for and mitigate the **Excessive Heat** effects of disasters Flood/Flash Flood \$52.3 million Continue to allow the county and participating \$15,000 partners to be eligible for pre- and post-disaster Heavy Rain mitigation funding Hurricane/ Tropical Storm, Support CRS participation/rating of Tropical Depression municipalities Lightning/ Thunderstorm \$850,000 Tornado/Funnel Cloud \$1.7 million •What is at risk in Pike County? \$1.3 million Winter Weather \$617,000 Wildfire TOTAL \$57.3 million

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Project Scope



- Update the Risk Assessment
- *Update the Capabilities Assessment
- *Update the Mitigation Strategy
- Update Other Sections of the HMP
- *Submit the HMP for Review
- Adopt the HMP
- •Implement the HMP



Update the Risk Assessment



Hazards of Concern

- · Drought
- · Disease Outbreak/Pandemic
- Drowning
- Earthquake
- Environmental Hazards (Hazardous Materials Release, Oil and Gas Wells, Pyrite)
- Extreme Temperature (heat and cold)
- Flood (riverine, flash, stormwater, and ice jam)
- · Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Nor'easter

- Invasive Species and Harmful Algal Bloom
- Geologic Hazards (landslides, subsidence/sinkholes)
- · Nuclear Incidents
- · Radon Exposure
- Terrorism
- Severe Weather (thunderstorms, lightning, hail, wind)
- Severe Winter Weather (heavy snow, blizzards, ice storm)

- Transportation Accidents
- . Urban Fire and Explosions
- Utility Interruptions
- Wildfire

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Risk Assessment Review Meeting

Update the Capabilities Assessment



Capabilities

- Planning and Regulatory Capability
- * Administrative and Technical Capability
- * Financial Capability
- Education and Outreach
- Self-Assessment of Capability



Update the Mitigation Strategy



- · Review the goals and objectives
- *Determine status of mitigation actions
- Identify new mitigation actions/projects
 - *Focus on specific, implementable and achievable actions!
- Conduct Mitigation Strategy Workshop

Goal∦	2021 HMP Goal Statement
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Update Other Sections of the HMP



- County Profile
 - * Taking the previous profile from the last plan and updating it accordingly
- Planning Process
 - * Documentation of the update process
- Plan Maintenance
 - *Incorporation into other plans as well as identifying way to incorporate other plans into the updated HMP
 - *Identify a game plan for annually reviewing and updating the HMP





Submit the HMP for Review



- •Review Draft with Planning Team
- •30-day Public Comment Period
- *Conduct Public Meeting to Review the Draft
- *Submit for Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) Review

 * 14 to 28 days
- Submit for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Review \$45 days
- "Approvable Pending Adoption" Status

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Adopt the HMP



- Pike County and at least one participating municipality need to adopt the HMP
- Once FEMA approves the plan, adoption can begin
- *Adoption deadline August 2022

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Implement the HMP



- Regular Planning Team meetings
- *Stakeholder meetings
- •Implement mitigation actions and projects
 - *Integrate actions where appropriate

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Review Schedule



- Capabilities Assessment
 - " July September 2021
- Risk Assessment
 - * September October 2021
- Mitigation Strategy
 - * November 2021 January 2022
- *Draft Plan by the end of March 2022
- *Submit to PEMA by the end of April 2022
- *Submit to FEMA by May 2022
- "Approvable Pending Adoption" by August 2022

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Introduce Worksheets

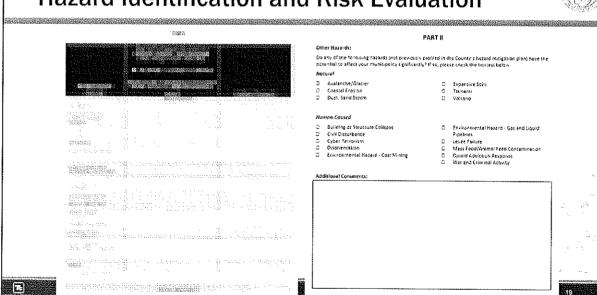


- · Hazard Identification and Risk Evaluation
- Capability Assessment Survey
- *National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Survey
- *Mitigation Strategy 5-Year Mitigation Plan Review

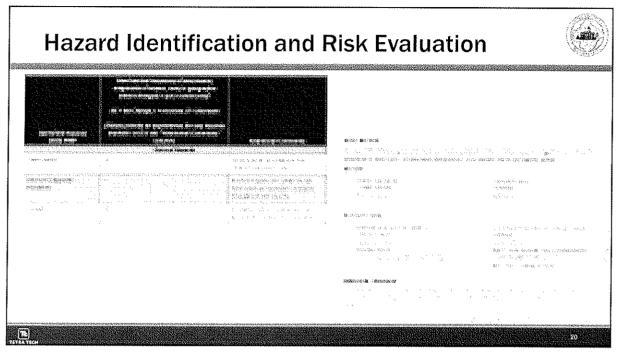
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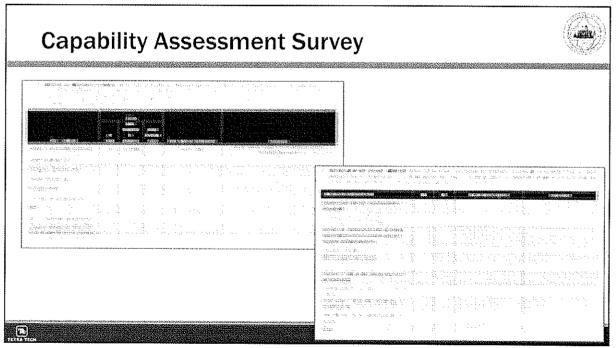
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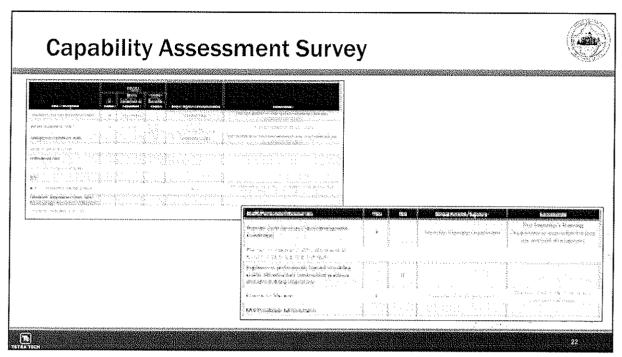


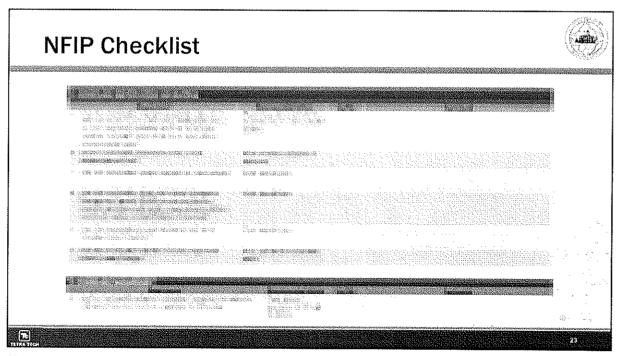




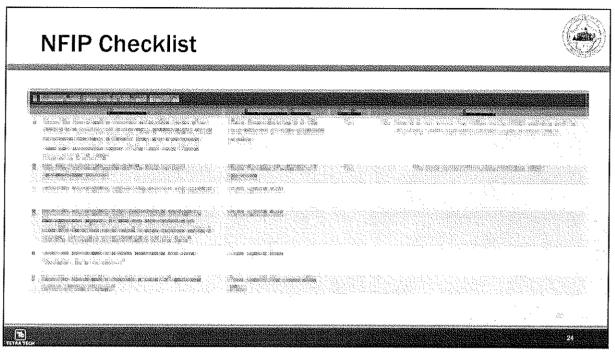


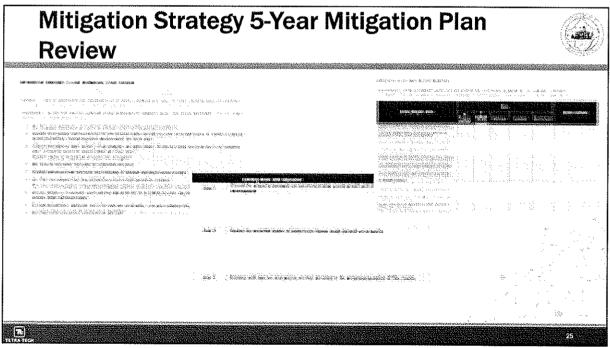




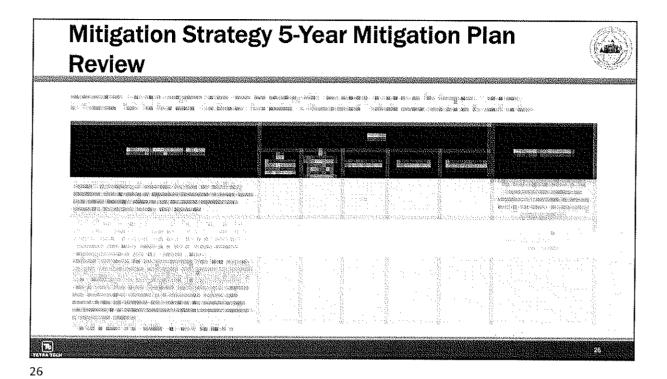












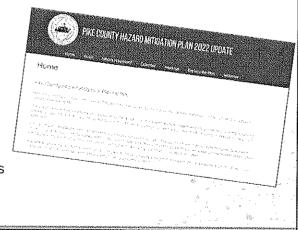
Public and Stakeholder Outreach



- HMP Project Website
 - We developed a website just for the HMP -

https://www.pikecountypahmp.com/

- Social Media
- Stakeholder Survey
- Public Survey
- Stakeholder Outreach
 - Neighboring Counties and Stakeholders were notified of the planning process





Next Steps

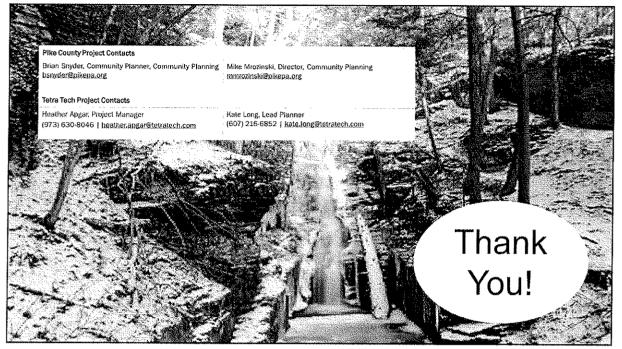


- Document Request
- Complete Municipal Worksheets
 - * Due back to the County and/or Tetra Tech by July 30, 2021
- Update the Risk Assessment
- *Risk Assessment Meeting: October 2021
- •Mitigation Strategy Workshop: November 2021

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Pike County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Minutes of Meeting



Purpose of Meeting:	Planning Partnership Kick-Off	
Location of Meeting:	Microsoft Teams	
Date/Time of Meeting:	July 1, 2021	
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Agenda	Provide an overview of the first steps of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Process.
Summary:	Provide an overview of the hist steps of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Process.

item No.	Description	Action By:
1.	Introductions	
	 Tetra Tech began the meeting and attendees introduced themselves via the chat The Meeting was recorded for anyone not in attendance 	-
2.	Intro to Hazard Mitigation Help communities prepare for, or prevent an event from occurring and reduce or eliminate future damages and losses through identifying Mitigation Actions Pike County previously received FEMA grants to elevate Floodprone properties in Matamoras in 2008	-
3.	Planning Process overview Defined the responsibilities of the Planning Team: Municipal Responsibilities: Completing worksheets, attending meetings, provide requested information to update the plan, and ultimately adopt and maintain the approved plan. Stakeholder Responsibilities: complete a survey, provide input on the planning process, and review the draft plan.	-



Pike County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Minutes of Meeting



	o Stakeholders include neighboring communities, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, and agencies that have the authority to regulate development, as well as businesses, academia, and other private and nonprofit interests. • Review of the Schedule and Project Scope	
4.	Public and Stakeholder Outreach	All to review
	 Project Website: https://www.pikecountypahmp.com/ 	project website
	 Tetra Tech will also be providing social media & website posts for municipalities and departments to use 	and complete surveys and post
	 Will also send surveys to stakeholders, neighboring counties and residents to inform the mitigation strategy 	on municipal websites/social media
5.	Worksheets	
	 There are 4 worksheets each municipality will need to complete. We ask that they be returned by July 30th. Tt will send them out along with instructions on completing. If you have any questions or need assistance with completing, please reach out to Kate Long or Heather Apgar. 	Municipalities to complete worksheets by August 6th
6,	Next Steps	
	Risk Assessment Meeting- October 2021	-
	Mitigation Strategy Workshop – November 2021	



Photo Credit: The Lackawaxen River Conservancy

Upper Delaware River / Lackawaxen Watershed 2019 PDM and FMA Advance Assistance Project Grants

Please join the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) for a **FREE** virtual, one-hour hazard mitigation grant information session hosted by PEMA with technical support from DRBC.

Session 1: Lackawanna County - Thursday, July 8th, 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

Session 2: Wayne County - Thursday, July 8th, 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm

Session 3: Monroe County - Thursday, July 8th, 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm

Session 4: Pike County - Friday, July 9th, 9:30 am - 10:15 am

After these initial information sessions, PEMA and DRBC will hold two-part Hazard Mitigation Plan Implementation and Grant Development (PIGD) Workshops in late August (Day 1) and October (Day 2). Together, the sessions and PIGD Workshops are designed to:

- Help municipalities connect the dots between Hazard Mitigation Planning and FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant application development.
- Access other funding streams for possible cost share.
- Equip municipalities and eligible authorities with tools to advance their mitigation, recovery, and resilience priorities.

For questions about the presentation, contact Jennifer Carle, PEMA, at <u>Jearle@pa.gov</u>.

To register for the workshop, contact Stacey Mulholland, DRBC, at StaceyMulholland@drbc.gov. You will receive the meeting link after registering.







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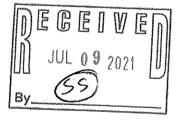


June 30, 2021



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MILFORD TOWNSHIP SHAHANA SHAMIM PO BOX 366 Milford PA 18337



Dear Shahana Shamim.

You are receiving this letter because, as of the date of this mailing, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has not yet received your municipality's request for fiscal recovery funds to which your municipality is entitled under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

ARPA has allocated \$6.15 billion to Pennsylvania counties, metropolitan cities, and local government units to support COVID-19 response efforts, replace lost revenue, support economic stabilization for households and businesses, and address systemic public health and economic challenges.

Milford Township is entitled to ARPA funding, but you must act quickly to request the funds. Requests must be made through the commonwealth by visiting the DCED website at dced.pa.gov/LFRF.

DCED is working to ensure all funding is disbursed in accordance with the U.S. Department of Treasury's deadlines. **Therefore, DCED strongly recommends local governments request their funding within one week of receiving this letter.** DCED cannot ensure you will receive funds if your request is received late.

If your municipality would like to opt-out of receiving these federal funds, please email <u>arpadecline@pa.gov</u> with a message indicating your municipality is electing to not receive the funding.

More information about the program, including further details on eligible uses of the funding and instructions on requesting the funds, can be found at **dced.pa.gov/LFRF**. You may also email <u>covidarpa@pa.gov</u> with any questions.

If you have already requested your ARPA fiscal recovery funds, you may disregard this letter.

Sincerely,

Dennis Davin Secretary



Milford Township

From:

Niver, April [April.Niver@mail.house.gov]

Sent:

Tuesday, June 29, 2021 1:03 PM

To:

Undisclosed recipients:

Subject:

Congressman Cartwright's BRIC Zoominar follow-up

Attachments:

PEMA US Cong Cartwright BRIC FMA Slides 18JUN2021.pdf; PA PIGD BRIC Homework Worksheet.docx; PA PIGD Triage Worksheet.docx; PA08 County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Links.docx

Thank you for participating in Congressman Matt Cartwright's <u>Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities</u> Zoominar with presenter Tom Hughes, Hazard Mitigation Specialist with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, on June 18.

I am sending you links to a feedback <u>survey</u> and to the <u>Meeting Recording</u>. To view, use this access passcode: PA08BRIC#

I've also attached documents to help you continue to review what is needed for each project category and to review your county's Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) with a mind for how your project can fit into it. There is also a document with links to each county's HMP.

We hope this presentation gave you a good sense of what will be needed to begin planning for the BRIC grant and how the funding can be used. <u>Email</u> me to set up a one-to-one meeting to review further or brainstorm ideas. I am happy to help you get the application process started. And I will be sending out invitations for a booster session later this year.

Finally, if you were forwarded this information, and want to be added to the list, please email me.

Attachments:

- Plan Implementation and Grant Development Homework Sheet
- Plan Implementation and Grant Development Homework Sheet
- PA08 County Hazard Mitigation Plan Links
- PEMA US Cong Cartwright BRIC FMA Slides 18JUN2021

Once again, the Congressman thanks you for your interest in BRIC and your dedication to your community.

Be well, April

April Niver, Ph.D.

Economic Development Director

Cell: 484-523-5314

Office of U.S. Congressman Matt Cartwright, PA-08

Milford Township

From:

Jessica Rella [jessica@magnottalaw.com]

Sent:

Thursday, July 08, 2021 11:26 AM

To:

Laurie DiGeso; 'Lehigh Township'; DREHER TOWNSHIP; Coleen Watt; Milford Township;

Tammy Jensen; Hope Flederbach; waymart@socantel.net

Subject:

Agenda

Attachments:

7-8-2021 Ltr to Secretaries re Agenda Law - Sunshine Act.pdf

Attached please find correspondence with regard to the above referenced matter.

Thank you & have a great day 🔞

Jessica Rella Legal Assistant

ANTHONY J. MAGNOTTA, ESQ.

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July 8, 2021

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Deborah Gromlich, Dreher Township Secretary
Coleen Watt, Jefferson Township Secretary
Shahana Shamim, Milford Township Secretary
Tammy Jenson, CWRA Office Administrator
Hope Flederbach, Hawley Area Authority Office Administrator
Michele Krempasky, Waymart Area Authority Office Administrator

RE: AGENDAS

Dear All:

Governor Wolf signed Senate Bill 544. This Bill takes effect in sixty (60) days and amends the section dealing with Public Notices to include the following: Notification of agency business to be considered: In addition to any Public Notice required under an agency shall provide the following notification to be considered at a meeting as follows: (1) If the agency has a publicly accessible internet website, the agency shall post the agenda which includes a listing of each matter of agency business that will be or may be the subject of deliberation or official action at the meeting, on the website no later than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the time of the convening of the meeting; (2) The agency shall post the agenda, which includes a listing of each matter of agency business that will be or may be the subject of deliberation or official action at the meeting, at the location of the meeting and at the principal office of the agency; and (3) The agency shall make available to individuals in attendance at the meeting copies of the agenda, which include a listing of each matter of agency business that will be or may be the subject of deliberation or official action at the meeting.

Please note that this does not apply to a conference or a working session or to executive sessions.

The Law goes on to state that except in emergency situation, involving a clear and present danger to life or property, business requiring official action or deliberation may

only be taken by the agency if it is on the posted agenda. Business arising within twenty-four (24) hours before a meeting may be conducted only if the matter is brought to the attention of the agency within the twenty-four (24) hour period prior to the meeting and if the matter is deminimis in nature and does not involve expenditure of funds or entering into a contract or agreement by the agency.

If during the conduct of a meeting a resident or taxpayer brings a matter of agency business that is not listed on the meeting agenda to the attention of the agency, the agency may take official action to refer the matter to staff, for the purpose of researching the matter for inclusion on the agenda of a future meeting, or if the matter is deminimis in nature and does not involve expenditure of funds or entering into a contract or agreement the agency may take official action on the matter.

With regard to any changes in the agenda, the Law states as follows: Upon majority vote of the individuals present and voting during the conduct of a meeting, an agency may add a matter of agency business to the agenda. The reasons for the changes to the agenda shall be announced at the meeting before any vote is conducted to make the changes to the agenda. The agency may subsequently take official action on the matter added to the agenda. The agency shall post the amended agenda on the agency's publicly accessible internet website, if applicable, and at the agency's principal office location no later than the first business day following the meeting at which the agenda was changed.

Changes to agendas do not apply to work sessions or to executive sessions. In addition, the Law provides that if action is taken upon a matter of agency business added to the agenda then the minutes of the meeting shall reflect the substance of the matter added, the vote on the addition and the announced reasons for the addition. As I indicated earliest, this Act takes effect in sixty (60) days or for most of us prior to our September meeting.

The Act is fairly clear with the exception of changes to agenda section. That section seems to imply that the agency may not change the agenda unless the majority of the individual is present vote to add the item to the agenda. The Law does not define individual and therefore may include all taxpayers and residents who are present. There is a seminar being planned by the Office of Open Records for Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at which time I'm sure this section will be the subject of much debate and a clarification will be sought by the State Solicitorship Organizations. I presume the Law is applied to a majority vote of those allowed to vote which would be board members, supervisors or council-persons, however, it is not clearly stated. As such, I believe that the safest course of action is to post the agenda at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting and if any item of business comes up at the meeting that does not involve expenditure of funds or entering into a contract then the item may be acted upon a majority vote of the board. In the event that an expenditure of funds or letting of contract is involved, the matter should be pushed to the next meeting or a special meeting should be scheduled for that particular matter.

Also, the Bill passed does not address a prior section of the Sunshine Law which indicates that any additions to an agenda must be voted upon before public participation section of the meeting. I'm sure this will also be the subject of a clarification from the Office of Open Records at the seminar next Wednesday.

I encourage all of you to go to the free seminar at the Office of Open Records scheduled for July 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at OOR.org. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please share this correspondence with all of your board members.

Sincerely,

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Date: July 14, 2021

Penney A. Luhrs Gary M. Williams Rachel A. Hendricks Milford Township Board of Supervisors 560 Rt 6 & 209 Milford, PA 18337

Subject: Don Quick Lot Improvement Application; Recommendation from the Planning Board;

Dear Supervisors Luhrs, Hendricks, and Williams,

At the Planning Board meeting held on July 7, 2021, Members discussed that this application was about basic moving of a lot line. Mr. Thomas Farley, the Solicitor of the Planning Board, said that he had reviewed the Engineer's review from Kiley Associates, LLC, the standards were too high for a simple moving of a lot line, and hence, the Engineer's recommendation could be waived. Members voted to recommend the lot improvement subdivision of Donald Quick to you as presented, and to waive any requirements suggested by Kiley Associates, LLC in its letter of June 17, 2021 under the subdivision and land development ordinance. Members decided to sign the maps after the affirmation of the Supervisors.

Thanks,

Shahana Shamim Secretary Milford Township Planning Board Pike County

Milford Township

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Sent:

Friday, July 16, 2021 11:48 AM

To:

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Warrior714115@vahoo.com

Subject:

Milford ambulance calls January 1 through July 1, 2021

Good Morning Township Supervisors,

My name is Terri Christensen, I am the secretary of the Milford Fire Department. I would like to submit the following information following your request.

Ambulance calls in Milford Township January 1 through July 1, 2021 totaled 98 calls.

Transports 46

We Transported a patient to a hospital.

Non-transports 27

Non-transports are when we are dispatched to a scene and the patient decides to refuse medical treatment or transport. Non-Transports can also be for lifting assistance. Non-transports also happen when we are canceled before our arrival at the destination.

ORS 25

We are dispatched as a QRS when we are on another call and unavailable or if the ambulance happens to be out of service.

If you have any questions or need clarification please do not hesitate to contact me. If you need any other information I am available through email or text at 570.507.0400

Sincerely, Terri Christensen Milford Volunteer Fire Dept. Secretary.

Sent from my iPhone