

**STATE HAZARD MITIGATION TEAM MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2009**

Steve Ferryman opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming. There was a revised agenda passed out to everyone and introductions were made.

Nancy Dragani welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- Mitigation is part of the world people expect
- Mitigation develops strong applications
- Would like to spend more time in the area of mitigation

DR-1805 Update

- 12 month lock-in letter from FEMA
- 2 lock-in letters
 - 12-month ceiling letter
 - 6-month floor

We have the funds we thought we'd have

- \$6.5 million
- 7% set aside for mitigation planning
 - 31 applications for planning grants
 - 2 applicants withdrew
- Remaining 29 applicants will be funded at requested levels. Mitigation Branch has begun submitting planning applications in NEMIS.
- Project applications
 - City of Fairfield, Butler County
 - Delhi Township, Hamilton County
 - Whims Ditch, Franklin County
 - These communities are fine tuning their applications in preparation to submit to FEMA by April 22, 2009.

Unified HMA

Received 4 sub-applications in September

- Seneca County dropped out. The Benefit Cost Analysis wasn't working right. They will go back and re-submit application next year.
- Bethel Township in Clark County was turned into an RFC application.

We have 2 PDM's and 4 congressional ear marks-\$1.625 mil. The ear marks are:

- Lucas County
- Loraine County
- Sandusky County
- Ohio University

Rachael is contacting congressional aids to determine the purpose of the earmarks.

PDM Project Application Review

Communities are still fine tuning applications. Final due December 4 to FEMA. A decision on funding will be made in late March, early April.

Valley View PDM FY2010 Project

- Elevation of 13 residential structures
- In compliance with NFIP all homeowners will be required to obtain and maintain flood insurance on mitigated properties.
- Deed restrictions will be filed with the Cuyahoga County Recorder to maintain the property as green space.
- Budget is \$1,564,800 with \$1,173,600 in federal funds and \$391,200 in local match being provided by the property owners included in the project.
- Benefit cost analysis resulted in a BCR of 1.01
- The Village of Valley View is covered by the Cuyahoga County Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by FEMA on March 1, 2007.
- The Village of Valley View currently has two ongoing mitigation projects.
 - elevation/acquisition of 23 residential structures under HMGP for disaster DR-1651-OH.
 - elevation of a single residential structure through the RFC program.
- The Village of Valley View has created a mitigation panel, which includes residents of Valley View, to discuss and make decisions concerning the current mitigation projects.

Joe stated that the Corps has had issues with the high cost of some elevation projects. Sometimes it is because the contractors know federal funds are involved.

Joe asked if all benefits were calculated. **Brad** said most BCA's do not account for evacuations costs, road barriers because the difficulty documenting. That would not apply in this case because the homes are being elevated.

Buck Medina County prefers acquisition projects over elevation projects because the structures are still surrounded by flood water when their elevated. Acquisition projects in certain areas of Medina County have increased neighboring house values.

Laura said a study was done in '85 that looked at possible structural and non-structural solutions to flooding in Valley View. The study showed that none of the proposed projects were cost effective.

Buck raised concerns about possible adverse impacts upstream/downstream from structural projects. **Laura** said that the Corps is not allowed to adversely impact upstream and downstream areas as a result of one of their projects without mitigating the effects.

Sima asked if the National Park would allow parkland to be used as a flood storage area. **Laura** replied only if the primary function of the park is not changed (recreation).

Brad said Valley View is actively looking for more funding. They currently have an elevation project being funded with HMGP under DR-1651-OH. To date they have completed the elevation of four structures. The estimated budget is well below the current bid estimates.

Brad said there will be a notice attached to the deed that says homeowner must have flood insurance.

Sima stated the title and lien search is done with the bank. They can show proof and drop it later.

Brad stated these are all substantially improved based off current maps.

Matt questioned whether the proposed lowest floor elevations are based on updated hydrology. The local floodplain permit will be issued prior to construction based on the map in effect at the time.

Buck asked if the Fair Market Value included land. **Sima** answered you can't include land in the Benefit Cost Analysis but you must include land in the project cost.

Brad said the Project Manager is Valley View's engineer/floodplain administrator.

Brad stated that the Village worked out a deal with a local hotel that the project participants will be staying in while their home is elevated. **Steve** said the property owners are kicking in match. **Buck** asked if the reduction in project cost by staying with friends/family could be used as match? **Sharon** stated some families stay in their own home while it's being elevated. **Sharon** said that homeowners contributing a share of the project cost keeps the cost down. We're not here to remodel their homes. We're here to elevate them.

Joe stated that finances can change during project. **Steve** said that mitigation projects are not line item budgets and the funds can be moved around.

Brad said some are not repetitive loss in this project.

There was a general discussion about the lack of residential building codes in most communities.

Brad stated there are no critical facilities in this project. Examples of criticals would be water treatment, EMS, etc.

Scoring for this project was done.

Municipal Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati (MSDGC)

- Acquisition of 21 residential structures (19 single-family structures and 3 multi-family units) 1 vacant lot
- Budget: \$4,309,473
 - \$2,999,999 in federal funds
 - \$1,309,474 in local match being provided by MSDGC
- Benefit Cost Analysis resulted in a BCR of 1.48

Matt asked if Ohio EMA staff knew details about the Army Corp project referenced on page 5 of the application. **Carla** didn't know. She stated there were no critical facilities.

Scoring for this project was done.

Steve stated Cincinnati needs to adopt their Hazard Mitigation Plan to make this happen. If they get it to us by December 4 at 3:59 p.m. they will be #1. If not, Valley View will be #1. **Carla** said Cincinnati is trying to get an emergency resolution.

Buck said the Valley View water comes up in the same area every time it rains.

Dean – State Hazard Mitigation Plan

Approach on the State Hazard Mitigation Plan:

- Complete the standard plan by May, 2011
- After federal approval of the standard plan, revise plan to meet enhanced plan criteria
- The 2008 (current) plan is on EMA's website; the 2009 (working draft) plan will be on the website for review in the near future. SHMT members are encouraged to review and provide comments to Dean.

Get business, university and non-governmental organization (NGO) representatives to participate on the SHMT.

- Look at such groups as Ohio Insurance Institute, Board of Regents, and colleges to participate
- Fulfills action item number 13 in the State Hazard Mitigation Plan
- The group was in agreement of having business and NGO participants added to the SHMT

Other issues discussed were:

- Steve wants to involve the Silver Jackets Team in the State Hazard Mitigation Plan review and update.
- Dean is working on how to link data and information between county and State Plans
- Steve and Dean are coordinating with Ohio Homeland Security to get updated critical facility list in a GIS format. The Huntington Corps may be able to help with access to critical facility information.

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Steve - other discussions:

- Jan./Feb. time frame next meeting of Silver Jackets
- Web portal is coming! The web portal will contain information entered from local mitigation plans as well as historical information on past mitigation projects administered in Ohio. The web portal will also contain BCA information, deed information, and photos from past projects.
- The SHMT would like to have all application attachments (especially project photos) sent with applications in the future.

The next meeting will be in April. Details will be sent in a future email. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.