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FEMA Awards \$1,099,836 Grant to Hancock County

Flood mitigation funds will be used to acquire and demolish two flood prone structures

CHICAGO -- The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) funds in the amount of \$1,099,836 to Hancock County, Ohio, for the acquisition and demolition of two structures in the Blanchard River floodplain in Findlay, Ohio.

"The Flood Mitigation Assistance Program enables communities to implement critical mitigation measures to reduce the risk of losing lives and property," said Janet M. Odeshoo, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region V. "The acquisition and demolition of these structures permanently removes them from the floodplain and reduces future flood damage in the community."

"This area has seen numerous flood claims in the past," said Sima Merick, executive director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency. "When this project is complete, more than three acres of repetitively-flooded property will revert to green space forever."

FMA provides grants to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures. Through FMA, FEMA will pay 100 percent of the eligible cost for this project.

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