

3.0 MITIGATION STRATEGIES

As Mercer County’s planning team and stakeholders developed mitigation goals and strategies for the county, their goal was to address the specific risks and vulnerabilities of each jurisdiction. As a result, the mitigation strategies in this plan are significantly more detailed and comprehensive than those developed for previous plans. While some strategies are similar from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, each community’s stakeholders expressed their unique circumstances and crafted strategies to address those specific issues. The result is a set of comprehensive and customized mitigation goals and strategies that address the needs of Mercer County and each jurisdiction.

3.1 STATUS OF PAST MITIGATION EFFORTS

In the 2003 Mercer County Hazard Mitigation Plan, mitigation goals and strategies were established for the entire county. The county and incorporated jurisdiction worked together to identify strategic actions that would reduce risk and vulnerability across Mercer County. As part of the plan development process, the 2003 goals and strategies were discussed and evaluated by the EMA Director, planning team and stakeholders during the jurisdictional meetings conducted in March 2017.

Table 3-1 identifies these goals and the current status of each. The current status is classified according to this list:

- Completed: Strategy was completed as written; item has not been included in new plan
- Ongoing: Strategy has not been achieved in its entirety and is included in new plan
- Deleted: Strategy was determined to not be feasible or necessary and has been removed from consideration in the new plan

Table 3-1: 2003 Mercer County Mitigation Goals

Goal	Jurisdictions	Current Status
MULTI-HAZARD STRATEGIES		
ST-MH 1. Integrate the goals and action items from the Mercer County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan into existing regulatory documents and programs	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All jurisdictions currently enforce existing zoning regulations. • Since the previous plan adoption, Coldwater and St. Henry have joined NFIP.

Goal	Jurisdictions	Current Status
ST-MH 2: Identify and pursue funding opportunities to develop and implement local and county mitigation activities.	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	<p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County and jurisdictions are proactive in pursuing grant and other funding opportunities. • When possible, mitigation activities are built into department budgets. This applies to activities like ditch maintenance, warning siren maintenance, etc.
ST-MH 3: Establish a formal role for Mercer County Natural Hazards Mitigation Committee to develop a sustainable process for implementing, monitoring, and evaluating county mitigation activities	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	<p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EMA monitors natural hazard events, possible funding sources for mitigation activities, and advises the committee and jurisdictions as needed.
ST-MH 4: Identify, improve, and sustain collaborative programs focusing on the real estate and insurance industries, public and private sector organizations, and individuals to avoid activity that increases risk to natural hazards.	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	<p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EMA and other government agencies regularly engage with private sector businesses and organizations to discuss emergency planning, zoning regulations, etc.
ST-MH 5: Develop public and private partnerships to foster natural hazard mitigation program coordination and collaboration in Mercer County.	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	<p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several businesses and private citizens have engaged in mitigation activities. The EMA collaborates with schools, businesses, and civic organizations to support plan development and exercises.
ST-MH 6: Develop inventories of at-risk buildings and infrastructure and prioritize mitigation projects.	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	<p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EMA collects damage assessment information after flooding and other hazard events and tries to ascertain if damage covered by insurance. • The EMA maintains a list of repetitive loss properties and monitors the availability of mitigation funds for possible project completion.

Goal	Jurisdictions	Current Status
LT-MH 1: Strengthen emergency services preparedness and response by linking emergency services with natural hazard mitigation programs and enhancing public education on a regional scale.	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly meetings are held between regional Indiana and Ohio EMAs and responders. Response exercises are conducted and information shared between EMAs are during severe weather events.
LT-MH 2: Develop, enhance, and implement education programs aimed at mitigating natural hazards, and reducing risk to citizens, public agencies, private property owners, business, and schools.	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EMA has a booth at the county fair with information on emergency planning, response, recovery, and mitigation, appears on a local radio show several times a year to discuss these activities, and gives presentations to civic organizations.
LT-MH 3: Use technical knowledge of natural ecosystems and events to link natural resource management and land use organizations to mitigation activities and technical assistance.	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Soil and Water Conservation District, County Engineer, Flood Plain Manager, EMA, and local jurisdictions collaborate to share information and expertise.
FLOOD STRATEGIES		
ST-FL 1: Analyze each repetitive flood property within Mercer County and identify feasible mitigation options.	Coldwater, Fort Recovery, St. Henry	Ongoing <p>Discussions concerning mitigation efforts and funding for these properties has been ongoing with local government, FPM, and EMA and will continue.</p>
ST-FL 2: Recommend revisions to requirements for development within the floodplain, where appropriate. Ideas for Implementation	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	Ongoing <p>Mercer County has an experienced Floodplain Manager who regularly reviews the requirements and makes recommendations for updates as needed.</p>
ST-FL 3: Develop better flood warning systems Ideas for implementation	Coldwater, Fort Recovery, and St. Henry	Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EMA works with the National Weather Service and the county's central dispatch to disseminate warnings in a timely manner. <p>Efforts to utilize and enhance mass notification systems are ongoing.</p>

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LT-FL 1: Enhance data and mapping for floodplain information within the county, and identify and map flood prone areas outside of designated floodplain.	Coldwater, Fort Recovery, and St. Henry	Ongoing Floodplain information is included in the county tax mapping system.
LT-FL 2: Encourage development of acquisition and management strategies to preserve open space for flood mitigation, fish habitat, and water quality in the floodplain.	Coldwater, Fort Recovery, and St. Henry	Ongoing The Soil and Water Conservation District and local jurisdictions have worked on wetland areas, filter strips, and other conservation practices.
LT-FL 3: Identify surface water drainage obstructions for all parts of unincorporated Mercer County	Mercer County	Ongoing The Soil and Water Conservation District and County Engineer work on ditch maintenance to improve drainage.
LT-FL 4: Establish a framework to compile and coordinate surface water management plans and data throughout the county.	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	Ongoing The Soil and Water Conservation District and County Engineer collaborate and regularly share information.
TORNADO STRATEGIES		
ST-TO#1: Enhance current warning devices for tornadoes. Ideas for Implementation	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	Ongoing A mass notification system is utilized to issue warnings via text message and email; 23 warning sirens are located across the county owned and maintained by the local jurisdictions; residents are encouraged to have NOAA weather radios and smart phone Apps to receive weather information.
ST-TO#2: Identify mobile home parks and campgrounds and determine if there is a wind resistant building on site	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vulnerable areas have been identified and stakeholders monitor grant opportunities to identify funding to install safe rooms. Residents of these areas are encouraged utilize the mass notification system and install weather radios to monitor weather conditions.

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LT-TO#1: Encourage development and enforcement of wind resistant building sites and construction codes.	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	Ongoing All state and local building codes are enforced.
LT-TO#2: Support and encourage electrical utilities to use underground construction methods, where possible to reduce power outages from tornadoes and windstorms	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	Ongoing Local jurisdictions meet with power companies regularly.
LT-TO#3: Increase public awareness of tornado and windstorm mitigation activities.	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	Ongoing The EMA has a booth at the county fair with information on emergency planning, response, recovery, and mitigation, appears on a local radio show several times a year to discuss these activities, and gives presentations to civic organizations. This information is all-hazards and includes tornado events.
WINTER STORM STRATEGIES		
ST-SWS 1: Enhance strategies for debris management for severe winter storm events.	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	Ongoing The county has a debris management plan that would include woody debris from an ice storm or wind event.
ST-SWS 2: Develop and implement programs to coordinate maintenance and mitigation activities to reduce risk to public infrastructure from severe winter storms.	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	Ongoing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The County Engineer and Township Trustees regularly evaluate bridges, roads, culverts, etc. to determine need for changes to prevent damage. Several jurisdictions have completed sewer separation and storm water projects.
LT-SWS 1: Increase public awareness of severe winter storm mitigation activities.	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	Ongoing The EMA has a booth at the county fair with information on emergency planning, response, recovery, and mitigation, appears on a local radio show several times a year to discuss these activities, and gives presentations to civic organizations. This information is all-hazards and includes winter storm events.

Goal	Jurisdictions	Current Status
LT-SWS 2: Enhance weather monitoring to attain earlier severe winter storm warnings.	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	Ongoing The NWS, EMA and Central Dispatch work together to monitor winter storms and disseminate the information through emails, text messages and social media.
DROUGHT AND WILDFIRE STRATEGIES		
LT-DR 1: Increase the efficiency of water conservation ideas for Implementation	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	Ongoing This is addressed through the Soil and Water Conservation District's public education efforts.
<p>Fire</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yearly inspections of commercial and public buildings and enforce fire codes 2. Project for Smoke detectors for all homes - hand delivered and offered at the fire station. 3. Public awareness and education (Brochures and pamphlets on fire safety distributed at school, fairs, and other activities.) 4. County Mutual Aid Agreements and neighboring county mutual aid agreements. 	Mercer County and all Incorporated Jurisdictions	<p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All fire departments in Mercer County address these issues as part of their ongoing fire safety inspection and public education efforts. <p>Some education activities are contingent on the availability of funds.</p>

3.2 RISK PRIORITIES

The Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment explains in detail the identification of hazards and evaluation of risks in Mercer County. That section of the plan considers numerous naturally occurring possibilities, cites the historical frequency and severity of past incidents, and considers the damages that would occur should that type incident strike a jurisdiction within Mercer County. As a result of this assessment, the planning team determined that relevant hazards and applicable risks for Mercer County overall are as follows, prioritized from comprehensively most-concerning to least-concerning: Windstorm, tornado, flood, severe thunderstorm, severe winter storm, invasive species, drought and extreme heat, dam failure, and earthquake. Some of the individual municipalities ranked threats in a different order based upon the unique characteristics or history of their community.

Mercer County's most concerning threat is excessive wind. Considering the flat terrain and impact of the Emerald Ash Borer in recent years, the exposure to high wind and the poor condition of many trees makes wind extremely threatening. Add to that the presence of buildings with no windbreak protection by tree lines or forested land, and the number of wind vulnerable structures (conventionally roofed structures, grain bins, legs and elevators, and many older building like barns, homes, and churches), the worst havoc could be caused by another derecho or significant wind event. Tornado ranks second because rotational winds are less frequent than straight-line or sustained high wind events, but the threat is similar.

Strategies for wind focus on elimination of debris potential, hardening of utility distribution systems, and use of wind-resistant building materials and wind-wise construction practices.

Flooding is the third major concern, and the threat is a combination of riverine and flash flooding. Some of the main waterways flood under heavy rain or combined rain and snowmelt conditions. The Beaver Creek, Coldwater Creek, and the St. Marys and Wabash rivers will breach their banks, flooding farm land, crops, roads and bridges, and some homes. When the rain is rapid and sewers or natural runoff cannot keep up with the pace of the rainfall, then streets and homes in settlements and municipalities flood. Crop fodder and sediment can wash into the drainage systems and clog storm sewers, making drainage a challenge in the villages at some times during the year. One neighborhood on the edge of Butler and Jefferson townships is especially prone to devastating flooding and homes have a history of extensive damage and repeated claims. Generally, most flooding is short-term because Mercer County sits at relatively high elevations in all the watersheds, so water drains in a reasonably short period of time. However, at times, it can leave a path of destruction as its legacy.

Strategies for flooding focus on structural options such as retention and detention of water, elevation of structures, and water management systems and practices. Land use regulation is used to prevent unwise construction inside flood zones. Actions can also include facilitation of drainage through system improvements and waterway maintenance. Acquisition, demolition, and relocation projects are a likely solution for some structures.

Severe thunderstorms and blizzards are disruptive and expensive in their worst form. Both cause roads to become impassable. These storms cause accessibility problems across the county, and are especially damaging to the livestock farms that depend upon transportation services daily. Roads are blocked and snow covered, power outages occur due to the ice and/or wind associated with the storms, and farms cannot operate. Livestock operations are dependent upon utilities and transportation support. These storms also bring the damage of high winds and heavy precipitation, sometimes causing flooding and structural damages. Hail can damage roofs and vehicles, and anything else that is in its path. The storms are damaging because they combine several factors into a comprehensive path of destruction.

Strategies for severe storms include enhanced capacity to clear roads and bridges from debris and snow; elimination of debris potential; hardening of utilities; and improved warning and notification systems.

Invasive species cause trees to die and become debris, or make the lake unusable and offensive. The amount of wooded area along rivers, roadways, on farmland, and in the municipalities, it is able to cause a significant debris issue, even without the forces of wind, ice, and snow as trees fall. Any invasive species that affects vegetation can cause this to occur even though the most recent villain is the Emerald Ash Borer. In earlier recent times, contamination of the lake with bacteria caused infections, devastating the county's tourism for several years. Any invasive species is a threat Mercer County would rather not experience.

Strategies include clearing of diseased trees and sources of contamination.

Drought and extreme heat are possible but do not occur frequently in Ohio. Drought tends to be more of a "dry spell" than an extended drought. While Ohio, in general, experienced drought in 1988 and 2012, Mercer County was not one of the most affected counties. Grain crops are more resilient than vegetable and fruit crops when drought strikes.

Mitigation strategies for drought and extreme heat include additional public information, enhanced warning and notification, and hardening of the water supply through emergency planning and capital improvements.

Dam failure is a risk but structures are well maintained by ODNR (Class I dams) and by private owners. Most dams are classified as "other" and are remotely located in rural areas. While condition is monitored, especially at the lake and in Fort Recovery, the risk is not sufficient to document a high vulnerability.

Mitigation of dam failure concentrates on monitoring the condition of dams and taking appropriate action if necessary.

Earthquake is a similar possibility but low-ranked vulnerability. Buildings are not multi-story in many places, and few bridges have long spans over water. Most earthquakes are expected to be low on the intensity scale, and damages would be limited to fragile building contents or already-compromised structures. There are no skyscrapers in the county; buildings top out at three stories and there are few of those.

Strategies for earthquake include robust warning and notification systems and public information.

The strategies in this plan are intended to provide general options to lessen the vulnerabilities in Mercer County. During the planning process, the planning team and stakeholders determined what hazards strike most frequently, which cause the most disruption, and which consequences feasibly can be prevented or lessened. With limited money and staff available to conduct mitigation projects, the planning team weighed every potential effort by measuring the benefit against the resources realistically available to conduct the activity. The planning team

endeavored to prioritize strategies that could realistically be accomplished and result in actual reduction in potential and real losses.

Considerations of cost, identifiable funding to support the strategy, actual benefit to the community, prevention of loss of life, and overall feasibility were all discussed. Strategies were rated against one another and ranked from most to least important. While it is impossible to plan for or foresee every potential hazard, Mercer County attempted to identify the incidents that might realistically impact their community. These goals and strategies are an outcome of that assessment.

3.3 MITIGATION GOALS AND STRATEGIES

Planning Team members and stakeholders from each jurisdiction worked by jurisdiction and collaboratively countywide to develop fitting mitigation goals and strategies. The Contractor drafted strategies based on the input provided by these stakeholders. The draft strategies were presented to the planning team and community for public review and comment, and modified accordingly. This section identifies the mitigation goals and strategies for each jurisdiction and the priority level, action type lead agency, timeline, and potential funding source assigned to each action. Strategies for specific municipalities vary from the countywide in priority of the problem and the potential solution.

3.3.1 Mercer County

Mercer County's mitigation strategies are intended to reduce vulnerability to damage from wind, water, severe storms, invasive species, drought, dam failure, and earthquake. The identified goals and strategies include all non-incorporated areas of the county, such as townships and census areas or neighborhoods. These strategies will be considered as economic development and growth is guided, as regulations are written and revised, and as codes and guidance is enforced and approved. These strategies will be reflected in local building codes, land use regulations, economic development goals and strategies, capital improvement plans, and budgetary management. Projects will be conducted as funding is available, and daily practices will be adjusted to include modifications of work to include the strategies.

As Mercer County Commissioners and other elected officials will represent the townships in mitigation efforts, they will communicate with the township trustees whose jurisdictions are affected. The county will act on behalf of the townships when it comes to mitigation efforts, but the townships will fulfill their responsibility to enforce and comply with land use regulations or building codes. The county officials will work with township trustees to ensure that smart development takes place to create sustainable communities in the more rural sections of the county. This will take participation on the part of the trustees in countywide development, but the county officials will consider these smaller jurisdictions' individuality as they act on their behalf.

This partnership between levels of local government is not new; Mercer County jurisdictions have worked together in this way for many years. For example, when residential building codes

were created over forty years ago, it was a multi-jurisdictional effort. This collaboration will continue. Today's efforts to better include hazard mitigation in community development are another effort of collaboration.

Table 3-3: Mercer County Mitigation Goals and Strategies

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
GOAL 1: MERCER COUNTY WILL EMPLOY MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES INCURRED FROM SEVERE WINDSTORMS, INCLUDING STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS AND TORNADOES.					
1.1 Mercer County will advocate for and support the creation of safe rooms for vulnerable locations, including single and multi-family homes and neighborhoods without basements or shelters.					
1	Property Protection	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
1.2 Mercer County will advocate and support, and implement on county-owned property, the proper maintenance of trees and vegetation to reduce damages caused by high winds or tornadoes.					
2	Nat. Resource Protection	County Commissioners	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
1.3 Mercer County will implement a program to clear both urban and rural areas of debris after severe wind and flooding to keep crop fodder and other debris out of water treatment plants, sewers, transportation routes, and other infrastructure, and to keep roadways open and usable as soon as possible after storms.					
3	Property Protection	County Engineer	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
1.4 Mercer County will maintain and enforce land use regulations (including zoning and development regulations and construction codes) in an effort to reduce storm damages to properties.					
4	Prevention	Regional Planning Chairperson	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
GOAL 2: MERCER COUNTY WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT REDUCE DAMAGES FROM FLOODING.					
2.1 Mercer County will utilize acquisition, demolition, and relocation programs for properties that have repeated or extremely severe damage from floods and flash floods.					
5	Prevention	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local PDM/FMA HMGP
2.2 Mercer County will participate in NFIP and other federal flood mitigation programs that help the county reduce losses attributable to flooding, and will regularly review flood maps through a process of public engagement to assure accuracy as necessary.					
6	Prevention	Floodplain Manager	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
2.3 Mercer County will review and enforce existing land use regulations (zoning rules, building codes) to facilitate wise development, especially in areas with flood vulnerability.					
7	Prevention	Regional Planning Chairperson	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
2.4 Mercer County will advocate that renters, landowners, and others purchase and maintain reasonable casualty insurance, including flood insurance where appropriate, as mitigation against disaster losses.					
8	Prevention	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
2.5 Mercer County will use federal and state grant programs to fund mitigation efforts, especially in flood mitigation and mitigation planning.					
9	Prevention	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM/FMA HMGP

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2.6 Mercer County will require the use of retention and detention ponds where new or expanded construction, parking lots, streets, or other development may cause flooding to occur as a result of increased runoff or lack of natural watershed process.					
10	Structurally Engineered	Regional Planning Chairperson	7-1-17	21-31-22	Local PDM CDGB Other
2.7 Mercer County will maintain or replace, as needed, water control structures and systems, such as wastewater pumping stations, generators, water pumps, and other structures.					
11	Structurally Engineered	County Sanitary Department Superintendent	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
2.8 Mercer County will maintain or replace, as needed, water control structures and systems, such as storm sewers, dams, and other structures that control watershed and/or protect specific areas from flooding.					
12	Structurally Engineered	County Engineer	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local CDBG Other
2.9 Mercer County will clear county-maintained ditches of debris, sediment, and other obstructions that impede drainage and watershed.					
13	Nat. Resource Protection	County Engineer	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
2.10 Mercer County will advocate for study of the impact of potential dam failure, including consideration of dam height, elevation of bodies of water, floodgate management and other maintenance factors by the owner of the dam.					
14	Prevention	County Engineer	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local ODNR
2.11 Mercer County study countywide watershed and storm runoff in order to improve storm water practices that protect property and reduce damages from flooding.					
15	Structurally Engineered	SWCD Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
2.12 Mercer County will use elevation and creation of buffer zones to contain floodwater where other means are ineffective, too costly, or not feasible.					
16	Structurally Engineered	County Engineer	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
2.13 Mercer County will encourage individuals to mitigate personal flood loss through the use of simple prevention measures like sandbagging or not building on property that floods.					
17	Prevention	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
2.14 Mercer County will consider improvements to roads that include increased bridge spans and elevation, repair of berms, maintenance of bridge slopes and protection of roadways from flooding.					
18	Structurally Engineered	County Engineer	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local

GOAL 3: MERCER COUNTY WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES FROM ALL SEVERE STORMS, INCLUDING THUNDERSTORMS AND BLIZZARDS, AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS AND CAUSES.

3.1 Mercer County will expand its road sign warning program through increasing the number of signs available to mark dangerous road conditions like flooding, washouts, and other damages due to storms.

19	Property Protection	County Engineer	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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3.2 Mercer County will expand and improve its public warning and notification capability through additional or improved outdoor warning sirens, improvements to the software used in these systems, or enhanced public education regarding warning and notification of protection orders or warnings.

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
20	Public Information	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local HSGP EMPG
3.3 Mercer County will develop and implement a program to assist in the removal of dead or diseased trees along county maintenance waterways and roadways that have been affected by Emerald Ash Borer and other invasive species					
21	Nat. Resource Protection	County Engineer	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
3.4 Mercer County will advocate for the agriculture industry to have emergency preparations in place and access to generators and other critical resources during extended power outages, to goods and services that are unique to livestock disease or infestation incidents, to services and supplies used in repair of specialized farm equipment damaged by storms and wind, and to other measures needed after disasters.					
22	Property Protection	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
3.5 Mercer County will develop methods for the agriculture community to collaborate with appropriate agencies immediately after storms to identify storm caused consequences, such as excessive runoff and downstream flooding, manure management challenges, grain and chemical storage issues, equipment and commodity damages, and livestock casualties.					
23	Property Protection	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local

GOAL 4: MERCER COUNTY WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES DUE TO UTILITY OUTAGES AND RESOURCE SHORTAGES FROM ALL CAUSES.

4.1 Mercer County will encourage quick action and collaboration between all levels of government and private contractors to clear roads and maintain utilities sure and after severe weather, especially ice, snow and floods to protect livestock operations from disaster related losses.

24	Property Protection	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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4.2 Mercer County will advocate and encourage the hardening of utilities through damage resistant installation below grade, improvements to supply lines and generations plants, and upgrade of substations and transformers.

25	Structurally Engineered	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local Private
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4.3 Mercer County will advocate for identification of redundant suppliers of heating fuels, potable water, and other utility needs and will identify and facilitate availability and proper use of generators as an alternate power source.

26	Property Protection	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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GOAL 5: MERCER COUNTY WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS TOPSOIL AND WATERWAYS FROM EROSION.

5.1 Mercer County will support, and participate in when feasible, efforts to maintain and clear county maintenance rivers in the county of debris, excessive sediment, and other obstructions that prevent the natural and effective watershed process.

27	Nat. Resource Protection	County Engineer	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local Conservancy
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5.2 Mercer County will participate in regional watershed management programs when feasible to create additional wetlands, and to reduce the use of phosphorus and nitrogen in agricultural, residential, and commercial settings.

28	Nat. Resource Protection	SCWD Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local Conservancy
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5.3 Mercer County will facilitate collaboration with farmers and agri-businesses to adopt conservation procedures that protect agricultural assets during and after severe storms, including land, facilities, crops, and other assets.					
29	Property Protection	SWCD Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
5.4 Mercer County will encourage agricultural conservation processes that protect topsoil, slopes and waterway banks from wind or water erosion through the use of windbreaks, filter strips, cover crops, grassy buffers, tree lines, and other methods of preserving the soil.					
30	Nat. Resource Protection	SWCD Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
5.5 Mercer County will protect roadways from compromised structural integrity, washed away abutments and bridges, degraded berms, or other damage through stabilization and reinforcement techniques.					
31	Property Protection	County Engineer	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
5.6 Mercer County will support agricultural practices that pertain to conservation efforts that replace old and damaged field tiles and replace them with contemporary structures; and that advocate for the appropriate and feasible use of cover crops, filter strips, conservation tillage, and tile control structures to limit the erosion of topsoil and protect slopes and waterway banks.					
32	Nat. Resource Protection	SWCD Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
5.7 Mercer County will implement improvements to the county ditch maintenance program to further improve the natural function of the watershed and to repair damage done to streams, creeks, and ditches by storms and floods.					
33	Nat. Resource Protection	County Engineer	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
5.8 Mercer County will develop a program to protect and preserve cemeteries in the county from damage by severe storms and floods.					
34	Property Protection	County Commissioners	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
5.9 Mercer County will establish conservation procedures to be used during water emergencies or shortages.					
35	Nat. Resource Protection	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local

GOAL 6: MERCER COUNTY WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO OBTAIN AND USE DISASTER INFORMATION TO SAVE LIVES AND PRESERVE PROPERTY FOR ALL HAZARDS PRESENT IN MERCER COUNTY.

6.1 Mercer County will develop a multi-part communication system to engage the community in protective action procedures, warnings and notifications, and other critical lifesaving information related to all disaster incidents when necessary.					
36	Public Information	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local HSGP EMPG
6.2 Mercer County will develop interoperable communication plans to coordinate life-saving efforts with community partners and others during severe storms and other disasters.					
37	Public Information	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local HSGP EMPG
6.3 Mercer County will educate the public about all relevant disaster hazards and vulnerabilities, protective actions, available services, vulnerable populations and available assistance and other emergency procedures using a variety of means to include print and spoken media, digital resources, and other appropriate local sources.					

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
38	Public Information	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local HSGP EMPG
6.4 Mercer County will develop, utilize and maintain a communications plan with the public to include mass media, social media, digital resources, and direct contact for emergency management information before, during, and after incidents that result from any hazard relevant to Mercer County.					
39	Public Information	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local HSGP EMPG
6.5 Mercer County will identify locations and establish agreements with owners for facilities to be used as community centers during evacuations, extended power outages, or other disasters for general community use or shelters, as needed.					
40	Public Information	EMA Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local

3.3.2 Burkettsville

This small village is concerned mostly about preventing wind damage from windstorms and tornado, and in preventing flash flooding. Debris management and storm water management are their two greatest concerns as crop fodder and fallen trees can interfere with drainage and access. Severe storms can isolate them, especially when combined with utility issues due to tree damage and downed poles. Invasive species are concerning because of the effect on the trees.

There are no paid village employees, so the mayor will act as the champion of mitigation actions; the village council and the fire chief will support him.

Table 3-4: Burkettsville Mitigation Goals and Strategies

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
GOAL 1: BURKETTSVILLE WILL EMPLOY MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES INCURRED FROM SEVERE WINDSTORMS, INCLUDING STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS AND TORNADOES					
1.1 Burkettsville will advocate for and support the creation of safe rooms for vulnerable locations, including single and multi-family homes and neighborhoods without basements or shelters.					
1	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM
1.2 Burkettsville will implement a program to clear both urban and rural areas of debris after severe wind and flooding to keep crop fodder and other debris out of water treatment plants, sewers, transportation routes, and other infrastructure, and to keep roadways open and usable as soon as possible after storms					
2	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
1.3 Burkettsville will maintain and enforce land use regulations (including zoning and development regulations and construction codes) in an effort to reduce storm damages to properties					
3	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
1.4 Burkettsville will advocate and support, and implement on village-owned property, the proper maintenance of trees and vegetation to reduce damages caused by high winds or tornadoes.					
4	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
GOAL 2: BURKETTSVILLE WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT REDUCE DAMAGES FROM FLOODING.					
2.1 Burkettsville will join NFIP and will support other federal flood mitigation programs that help the county reduce losses attributable to flooding, and will regularly review flood maps through a process of public engagement to assure accuracy as necessary.					
5	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
2.2 Burkettsville will maintain or replace, as needed, water control structures and systems, such as storm sewers, wastewater pumping stations, generators, water pumps, dams, and other structures that control watershed and/or protect specific areas from flooding					
6	Structurally Engineered	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
2.3 Burkettsville will clear village-maintained ditches of debris, sediment, and other obstructions that impede drainage and watershed					
7	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
2.4 Burkettsville will use federal and state grant programs to fund mitigation efforts, especially in flood mitigation and mitigation planning					
8	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM/FMA HSGP EMPG
2.5 Burkettsville will review and enforce existing land use regulations (zoning rules, building codes) to facilitate wise development, especially in areas with flood vulnerability.					
9	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
2.6 Burkettsville will require the use of retention and detention ponds where new or expanded construction, parking lots, streets, or other development may cause flooding to occur as a result of increased runoff or lack of natural watershed process					
10	Structurally Engineered	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
2.7 Burkettsville will utilize acquisition, demolition, and relocation programs for properties that have repeated or extremely severe damage from floods and flash floods					
11	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM/FMA HMGP
2.8 Burkettsville will advocate that renters, landowners, and others purchase and maintain reasonable casualty insurance, including flood insurance where appropriate, as mitigation against disaster losses					
12	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
GOAL 3: BURKETTSVILLE WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES FROM ALL SEVERE STORMS, INCLUDING THUNDERSTORMS AND BLIZZARDS, AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS AND CAUSES.					
3.1 Burkettsville will expand and improve its public warning and notification capability through additional or improved outdoor warning sirens, improvements to the software used in these systems, or enhanced public education regarding warning and notification of protection orders or warnings					
13	Public Information	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	HSGP EMPG PDM

GOAL 4: BURKETTSVILLE WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES DUE TO UTILITY OUTAGES AND RESOURCE SHORTAGES FROM ALL CAUSES

4.1 Burkettsville will encourage the hardening of utilities through damage resistant installation below grade, improvements to supply lines and generations plants, and upgrade of substations and transformers

14	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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4.2 Burkettsville will establish redundant suppliers of heating fuels, potable water, and other utility needs and will identify and facilitate availability and proper use of generators as an alternate power source

15	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM HSGP
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GOAL 5: BURKETTSVILLE WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS TOPSOIL AND WATERWAYS FROM EROSION

5.1 Burkettsville will protect roadways from compromised structural integrity, washed away abutments and bridges, degraded berms, or other damage through stabilization and reinforcement techniques

16	Structurally Engineered	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM
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5.2 Burkettsville will encourage agricultural conservation processes that protect topsoil, slopes and waterway banks from wind or water erosion through the use of windbreaks, filter strips, cover crops, grassy buffers, tree lines, and other methods of preserving the soil

17	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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GOAL 6: BURKETTSVILLE WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO OBTAIN AND USE DISASTER INFORMATION TO SAVE LIVES AND PRESERVE PROPERTY FOR ALL HAZARDS PRESENT IN MERCER COUNTY

6.1 Burkettsville will develop, utilize and maintain a communications plan with the public to include mass media, social media, digital resources, and direct contact for emergency management information before, during, and after incidents that result from any hazard relevant to Mercer County

18	Public Information	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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6.2 Burkettsville will educate the public about all relevant disaster hazards and vulnerabilities, protective actions, available services, vulnerable populations and available assistance and other emergency procedures using a variety of means to include print and spoken media, digital resources, and other appropriate local resources

19	Public Information	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	HSGP EMPG Local
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3.3.3 Celina

Celina is the county seat, and is located at the northwest and western side of Grand Lake St. Marys. This commercial and residential center is concerned about preventing damages from severe storms that include wind, tornadoes, and heavy precipitation. Whether those storms are thunderstorms with hail, lightning, wind or tornados, and rain or winter storms with ice, snow and wind, the city is concerned about limiting damage to properties and infrastructure. Invasive species are threatening because of the damage to the many trees in the city, causing debris overload. Dam failure warrants consideration as the dam at the west end of the lake could impact the city if it failed, but it is maintained well and likelihood of failure is relatively low. Earthquake and drought damage potential is low as well, and those round out the list of vulnerabilities for Celina.

The mayor and staff will support mitigation efforts. The city's safety and service director will oversee some strategies, and others will be assumed by department heads. The city has paid staff to fulfill these obligations.

Table 3-5: Celina Mitigation Goals and Strategies

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
GOAL 1: CELINA WILL EMPLOY MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES INCURRED FROM SEVERE WINDSTORMS, INCLUDING STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS AND TORNADOES					
1.1 Celina will advocate and support, and implement on city-owned property, the proper maintenance of trees and vegetation to reduce damages caused by high winds or tornadoes.					
1	Property Protection	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
1.2 Celina will maintain and enforce land use regulations (including zoning and development regulations and construction codes) in an effort to reduce storm damages to properties.					
2	Prevention	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
1.3 Celina will advocate for and support the creation of safe rooms for vulnerable locations, including single and multi-family homes and neighborhoods without basements or shelters.					
3	Property Protection	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM HMGP
1.4 Celina will implement a program to clear both urban and rural areas of debris after severe wind and flooding to keep crop fodder and debris out of water treatment plants, sewers, transportation routes, and other infrastructure, and to keep roadways open and usable as soon as possible after storms.					
4	Property Protection	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
GOAL 2: CELINA WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES DUE TO UTILITY OUTAGES AND RESOURCE SHORTAGES FROM ALL CAUSES.					
2.1 Celina will encourage the hardening of utilities through damage resistant installation below grade, improvements to supply lines and generations plants, and upgrade of substations and transformers.					
5	Prevention	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
2.2 Celina will establish redundant suppliers of heating fuels, potable water, and other utility needs and will identify and facilitate availability and proper use of generators as an alternate power source.					
6	Property Protection	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
GOAL 3: CELINA WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES FROM ALL SEVERE STORMS, INCLUDING THUNDERSTORMS AND BLIZZARDS, AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS AND CAUSES					
3.1 Celina will establish conservation procedures to be used during water emergencies or shortages due to drought or contamination.					
7	Nat. Resource Protection	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
3.2 Mercer County will expand and improve its public warning and notification capability through additional or improved outdoor warning sirens, improvements to the software used in these systems, or enhanced public education regarding warning and notification of protection orders or warnings.					

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
8	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	EMPG HSGP Local
3.3 Mercer County will develop and implement a program to assist in the removal of dead or diseased trees along waterways and roadways that have been affected by Emerald Ash Borer and other invasive species.					
9	Nat. Resource Protection	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
3.4 Celina will develop, utilize and maintain a communications plan with the public to include mass media, social media, digital resources, and direct contact for emergency management information before, during, and after incidents that result from any hazard relevant to Mercer County					
10	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	HSGP EMPG Local
3.5 Celina will identify and establish locations to be used as community centers during extended power outages or extreme conditions.					
11	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local

GOAL 4: CELINA WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT REDUCE DAMAGES FROM FLOODING.

4.1 Celina will participate in NFIP and other federal flood mitigation programs that help the county reduce losses attributable to flooding, and will regularly review flood maps through a process of public engagement to assure accuracy as necessary.

12	Prevention	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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4.2 Celina will use federal and state grant programs to fund mitigation efforts, especially in flood mitigation and mitigation planning.

13	Prevention	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM HMGP
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4.3 Celina will maintain or replace, as needed, water control structures and systems, such as storm sewers, wastewater pumping stations, generators, water pumps, dams, and other structures that control watershed and/or protect specific areas from flooding.

14	Structurally Engineered	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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4.4 Celina will require the use of retention and detention ponds where new or expanded construction, parking lots, streets, or other development may cause flooding to occur as a result of increased runoff or lack of natural watershed process.

15	Structurally Engineered	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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4.5 Celina will review and enforce existing land use regulations (zoning rules, building codes) to facilitate wise development, especially in areas with flood vulnerability.

16	Property Protection	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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4.6 Celina will utilize acquisition, demolition, and relocation programs for properties that have repeated or extremely severe damage from floods and flash floods.

17	Prevention	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM HMGP FMA
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4.7 Celina will clear city-maintained ditches of debris, sediment, and other obstructions that impede drainage and watershed.

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
18	Nat. Resource Protection	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
4.8 Celina will work to properly maintain dams and other water control structures to protect people and properties from consequences of structural failure.					
19	Prevention	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local ODNR
4.9 Celina will participate in regional efforts to reduce vulnerability to flood damages through collaboration including the creation of wetlands and reduction in the use of phosphorus and nitrogen on lawns and the resulting exacerbation of flood damages.					
20	Prevention	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
4.10 Celina will encourage the use of simple prevention measures including the use of sandbags to prevent flooding.					
21	Prevention	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local

GOAL 5: CELINA WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO OBTAIN AND USE DISASTER INFORMATION TO SAVE LIVES AND PRESERVE PROPERTY FOR ALL HAZARDS PRESENT IN MERCER COUNTY.

5.1 Celina will educate the public about all relevant disaster hazards and vulnerabilities, protective actions, available services, vulnerable populations and available assistance and other emergency procedures using a variety of means to include print and spoken media, digital resources, and other appropriate local resources

22	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local HSGP EMPG
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GOAL 6: CELINA WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS TOPSOIL AND WATERWAYS FROM EROSION.

6.1 Celina will protect beaches, shorelines, and riverbanks from wind, water and other hazards that cause erosion or degradation through stabilization techniques like lining with rip-rap or large stone.

23	Structurally Engineered	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local PDM FMA HMGP
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6.2 Mercer County will protect roadways from compromised structural integrity, washed away abutments and bridges, degraded berms, or other damage through stabilization and reinforcement techniques

24	Nat. Resource Protection	Safety Service Director	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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3.3.4 Chickasaw

Chickasaw is a small village that sits in the higher elevations of Mercer County to the southeast of Celina by several miles. It is located in an area without wooded areas to protect properties and buildings, and is vulnerable to the harsh storms that can pass through the area. Wind can whip the trees and buildings and precipitation can fall with force onto roofs and siding.

Because of this, the residents are concerned about wind, severe storms, and tornado to the greatest extent. Any hazard that negatively impacts the trees and vegetation is concerning as these provide the little weather protection the village has. Flooding is a slight concern as

streets fill with water as it rushes to Chickasaw Creek, but this is short-lived. A plentiful water supply feeds individual wells, and buildings have little vulnerability to a mild earthquake. Dam failure is remotely a cause for concern because there are no dams in Chickasaw or Marion Township.

Chickasaw's mayor and fire chief will take responsibility for mitigation actions. The elected and appointed officials are all volunteers; there is only one employee who maintains city streets and infrastructure. Many residents volunteer to help the community with its work.

Table 3-6: Chickasaw Mitigation Goals and Strategies

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
GOAL 1: CHICKASAW WILL EMPLOY MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES INCURRED FROM SEVERE WINDSTORMS, INCLUDING STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS AND TORNADOES					
1.1 Chickasaw will advocate and support, and implement on village-owned property, the proper maintenance of trees and vegetation to reduce damages caused by high winds or tornadoes.					
1	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
1.2 Chickasaw will advocate for and support the creation of safe rooms for vulnerable locations, including single and multi-family homes and neighborhoods without basements or shelters.					
2	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM
GOAL 2: CHICKASAW WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES DUE TO UTILITY OUTAGES AND RESOURCE SHORTAGES FROM ALL CAUSES.					
2.1 Chickasaw will establish redundant suppliers of heating fuels, potable water, and other utility needs and will identify and facilitate availability and proper use of generators as an alternate power source.					
3	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local HSGP/EMPG
2.2 Chickasaw will encourage the hardening of utilities through damage resistant installation below grade, improvements to supply lines and generations plants, and upgrade of substations and transformers					
4	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
GOAL 3: CHICKASAW WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS TOPSOIL AND WATERWAYS FROM EROSION.					
3.1 Chickasaw will establish conservation procedures to be used during water emergencies or shortages due to drought or contamination.					
5	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
3.2 Chickasaw will protect shorelines and riverbanks from wind, water and other hazards that cause erosion or degradation through stabilization techniques like lining with rip-rap or large stone.					
6	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local PDM
3.3 Chickasaw will protect waterways to reduce wind damage through conservation measures such as cover plants vegetation, grassy stream bottoms, filter strips, buffers, and so forth.					
7	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
3.4 Chickasaw will encourage conservation processes that protect topsoil and slopes or banks from wind or water erosion through the use of windbreaks, filter strips, cover crops, grassy buffers, tree lines, and other methods of preserving the soil					
8	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
3.5	Chickasaw will protect roadways from compromised structural integrity, washed away abutments and bridges, degraded berms, or other damage through stabilization and reinforcement techniques				
9	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local

GOAL 4: CHICKASAW WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES FROM ALL SEVERE STORMS, INCLUDING THUNDERSTORMS AND BLIZZARDS, AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS AND CAUSES.

4.1 2 Chickasaw will expand and improve its public warning and notification capability through additional or improved outdoor warning sirens, improvements to the software used in these systems, or enhanced public education regarding warning and notification of protection orders or warnings.

10	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local HSGP/EMPG
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4.2 Chickasaw will identify and establish locations to be used as community centers during extended power outages or extreme conditions.

11	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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4.3 Chickasaw will educate the public about local digital warning and notification systems that inform them of incoming severe weather and life-threatening incidents.

12	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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4.4 Chickasaw will develop and implement a program to assist in the removal of dead or diseased trees along waterways and roadways that have been affected by Emerald Ash Borer and other invasive species.

13	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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GOAL 5: CHICKASAW WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT REDUCE DAMAGES FROM FLOODING

5.1 Chickasaw will join NFIP and support other federal flood mitigation programs that help the county reduce losses attributable to flooding, and will regularly review flood maps through a process of public engagement to assure accuracy as necessary.

14	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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5.2 Chickasaw will use federal and state grant programs to fund mitigation efforts, especially in flood mitigation and mitigation planning.

15	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM/FMA HMGP EMPG/HSGP
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5.3 Chickasaw will review and enforce existing land use regulations (zoning rules, building codes) to facilitate wise development, especially in areas with flood vulnerability.

16	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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5.4 Chickasaw will clear village ditches of debris, sediment, and other obstructions that impede drainage and watershed.

17	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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5.5 Chickasaw will participate in regional efforts to reduce vulnerability to flood damages through collaboration including the creation of wetlands and reduction in the use of phosphorus and nitrogen on lawns and the resulting exacerbation of flood damages.

18	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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5.6 Chickasaw will require the use of retention and detention ponds where new or expanded construction, parking lots, streets, or other development may cause flooding to occur as a result of increased runoff or lack of natural watershed process.

19	Structurally Engineered	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM/FMA HMGP
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Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
5.7 Chickasaw will advocate that renters, landowners, and others purchase and maintain reasonable casualty insurance, including flood insurance where appropriate, as mitigation against disaster losses.					
20	Prevention	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local

GOAL 6: CHICKASAW WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO OBTAIN AND USE DISASTER INFORMATION TO SAVE LIVES AND PRESERVE PROPERTY FOR ALL HAZARDS PRESENT IN MERCER COUNTY.

6.1 Chickasaw will educate the public about all relevant disaster hazards and vulnerabilities, protective actions, available services, vulnerable populations and available assistance and other emergency procedures using a variety of means to include print and spoken media, digital resources, and other appropriate local resources

21	Public Information	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	Local
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3.3.5 Coldwater

Coldwater is the second-largest municipality and is home to the county's hospital and numerous small businesses, retail centers, and manufacturers. As a miniature center of commerce, the community is most concerned about flooding, specifically flash flooding that fills streets and commercial property. The Coldwater Creek also flows through the village, and while it is well maintained and controlled, it does flood under heavy precipitation, causing residential areas and commercial zones difficulty. Wind in various forms – severe thunderstorms, blizzards, and tornados – is concerning as the commercial buildings, homes, and municipal infrastructure are vulnerable to wind damage. As many other communities, invasive species have caused trees to die and fall, especially during storms. Dam failure ranked higher in Coldwater than many other communities because of the up-ground reservoirs that supply water for city, and the unlikely possibility that one would fail. With a robust water supply, drought is of little concern and earthquake is not a high vulnerability.

The Coldwater mayor and village employees will work together to implement mitigation strategies.

Table 3-7: Coldwater Mitigation Goals and Strategies

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
GOAL 1: COLDWATER WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT REDUCE DAMAGES FROM FLOODING					
1.1 Coldwater will participate in NFIP and other federal flood mitigation programs that help the county reduce losses attributable to flooding, and will regularly review flood maps through a process of public engagement to assure accuracy as necessary.					
1	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
1.2 Coldwater will use federal and state grant programs to fund mitigation efforts, especially in flood mitigation and mitigation planning.					
2	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
1.3 Coldwater will review and enforce existing land use regulations (zoning rules, building codes) to facilitate wise development, especially in areas with flood vulnerability.					
3	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
1.4 Coldwater will require the use of retention and detention ponds where new or expanded construction, parking lots, streets, or other development may cause flooding to occur as a result of increased runoff or lack of natural watershed process.					
4	Structurally Engineered	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC PDM
1.5 Coldwater will advocate that renters, landowners, and others purchase and maintain reasonable casualty insurance, including flood insurance where appropriate, as mitigation against disaster losses.					
5	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LO ICC
1.6 Coldwater will maintain or replace, as needed, water control structures and systems, such as storm sewers, wastewater pumping stations, generators, water pumps, dams, and other structures that control watershed and/or protect specific areas from flooding.					
6	Structurally Engineered	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC CDBG
1.7 Coldwater will work to properly maintain dams and other water control structures to protect people and properties from consequences of structural failure.					
7	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ST
1.8 Coldwater will create vegetative buffer zones and restore natural habitat in low-lying areas to hold excess runoff until it naturally drains downstream.					
8	Structurally Engineered	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ST
1.9 Coldwater will participate in regional efforts to reduce vulnerability to flood damages through collaboration including the creation of wetlands and reduction in the use of phosphorus and nitrogen on lawns and the resulting exacerbation of flood damages.					
9	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
1.10 Coldwater will utilize acquisition, demolition, and relocation programs for properties that have repeated or extremely severe damage from floods and flash floods.					
10	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM/FMA/SRL LOC

GOAL 2: COLDWATER WILL EMPLOY MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES INCURRED FROM SEVERE WINDSTORMS, INCLUDING STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS AND TORNADOES

2.1 Coldwater will advocate and support, and implement on village-owned property, the proper maintenance of trees and vegetation to reduce damages caused by high winds or tornadoes.					
11	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
2.2 Coldwater will advocate for and support the creation of safe rooms for vulnerable locations, including single and multi-family homes and neighborhoods without basements or shelters.					
12	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM LOC
2.3 Coldwater will maintain and enforce land use regulations (including zoning and development regulations and construction codes) in an effort to reduce storm damages to properties.					
13	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
2.4 Coldwater will implement a program to clear both urban and rural areas of debris after severe wind and flooding to keep crop fodder and debris out of water treatment plants, sewers, transportation routes, and other infrastructure, and to keep roadways open and usable as soon as possible after storms.					
14	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC

GOAL 3: COLDWATER WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES DUE TO UTILITY OUTAGES AND RESOURCE SHORTAGES FROM ALL CAUSES

3.1 Coldwater will encourage the hardening of utilities through damage resistant installation below grade, improvements to supply lines and generations plants, and upgrade of substations and transformers.

15	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
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3.2 Coldwater will establish redundant suppliers of heating fuels, potable water, and other utility needs and will identify and facilitate availability and proper use of generators as an alternate power source.

16	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
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GOAL 4: COLDWATER WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES FROM ALL SEVERE STORMS, INCLUDING THUNDERSTORMS AND BLIZZARDS, AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS AND CAUSES.

4.1 Coldwater will expand and improve its public warning and notification capability through additional or improved outdoor warning sirens, improvements to the software used in these systems, or enhanced public education regarding warning and notification of protection orders or warnings.

17	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC HSGP/EMPG
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4.2 Coldwater will develop and implement a program to assist in the removal of dead or diseased trees along waterways and roadways that have been affected by Emerald Ash Borer and other invasive species

18	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
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4.3 Coldwater will educate the public about local digital warning and notification systems that inform them of incoming severe weather and life-threatening incidents.

19	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC HSGP/EMPG
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4.4 Coldwater will identify and establish locations to be used as community centers during extended power outages or extreme conditions.

20	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC OTH
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GOAL 5: COLDWATER WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO OBTAIN AND USE DISASTER INFORMATION TO SAVE LIVES AND PRESERVE PROPERTY FOR ALL HAZARDS PRESENT IN MERCER COUNTY

5.1 Coldwater will educate the public about all relevant disaster hazards and vulnerabilities, protective actions, available services, vulnerable populations and available assistance and other emergency procedures using a variety of means to include print and spoken media, digital resources, and other appropriate local resources.

21	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC HSGP/EMPG
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GOAL 6: COLDWATER WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS TOPSOIL AND WATERWAYS FROM EROSION

6.1 Coldwater will protect shorelines and riverbanks from wind, water and other hazards that cause erosion or degradation through stabilization techniques like lining with rip-rap or large stone.

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
22	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
6.3 Coldwater will establish conservation procedures to be used during water emergencies or shortages due to drought or contamination.					
23	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC COG

3.3.6 Fort Recovery

Fort Recovery is no stranger to serious flooding. Sitting at the headwaters of the Wabash River, the village floods and becomes impassable during heavy precipitation events. Many local industries, some using chemicals and storing flood-vulnerable supplies, are hampered and closed when the floods strike. They also are concerned over high wind events and strong storms that can cause power outages, close roads with debris and sediment, and damage properties with fallen trees and other debris. Dam failure is a concern because a Class I dam is close to the village on the Wabash. Invasive species, drought, and earthquake concern them less in this quaint well-kept village in the southwestern corner of Mercer County.

The mayor and paid staff will be responsible for implementing the mitigation strategies.

Table 3-8: Fort Recovery Mitigation Goals and Strategies

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
GOAL 1: FORT RECOVERY WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT REDUCE DAMAGES FROM FLOODING.					
1.1 Fort Recovery will utilize acquisition, demolition, and relocation programs for properties that have repeated or extremely severe damage from floods and flash floods					
1	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM/FMA LOC
1.2 Fort Recovery will maintain or replace, as needed, water control structures and systems, such as storm sewers, wastewater pumping stations, generators, water pumps, dams, and other structures that control watershed and/or protect specific areas from flooding					
2	Structurally Engineered	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ST ICC
1.3 Fort Recovery will participate in NFIP and other federal flood mitigation programs that help the county reduce losses attributable to flooding, and will regularly review flood maps through a process of public engagement to assure accuracy as necessary					
3	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
1.4 Fort Recovery will use federal and state grant programs to fund mitigation efforts, especially in flood mitigation and mitigation planning					
4	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC PDM
1.5 Fort Recovery will advocate that renters, landowners, and others purchase and maintain reasonable casualty insurance, including flood insurance where appropriate, as mitigation against disaster losses					
5			7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
1.6 Fort Recovery will review and enforce existing land use regulations (zoning rules, building codes) to facilitate wise development, especially in areas with flood vulnerability					
6	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
1.7 Fort Recovery will require the use of retention and detention ponds where new or expanded construction, parking lots, streets, or other development may cause flooding to occur as a result of increased runoff or lack of natural watershed process					
7	Structurally Engineered	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	CDBG PDM
1.8 Fort Recovery will work to properly maintain dams and other water control structures to protect people and properties from consequences of structural failure					
8	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ST
1.9 Fort Recovery will utilize elevation to protect critical infrastructure and property from flooding, and identify methods to prevent hazardous materials and other industrial equipment from endangering residents during flooding.					
9	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC PDM/FMA
1.10 Ft Recovery will remove debris and obstructions from village-owned waterways					
10	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
1.11 Fort Recovery will participate in regional efforts to reduce vulnerability to flood damages through collaboration including the creation of wetlands and reduction in the use of phosphorus and nitrogen on lawns and the resulting exacerbation of flood damages					
11	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
1.12 Fort Recovery will create buffer zones and restore natural habitat in low-lying areas to hold excess runoff until it naturally drains downstream.					
12	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ST
1.13 Fort Recovery will make residents aware of and facilitate the use of simple prevention measures including the use of sand bags during severe storms.					
13	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC

GOAL 2: FORT RECOVERY WILL EMPLOY MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES INCURRED FROM SEVERE WINDSTORMS, INCLUDING STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS AND TORNADOES

2.1 Fort Recovery will advocate and support, and implement on village-owned property, the proper maintenance of trees and vegetation to reduce damages caused by high winds or tornadoes					
14	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
2.2 Fort Recovery will advocate for and support the creation of safe rooms for vulnerable locations, including single and multi-family homes and neighborhoods without basements or shelters.					
15	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM LOC
2.3 Fort Recovery will maintain and enforce land use regulations (including zoning and development regulations and construction codes) in an effort to reduce storm damages to properties					
16	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
2.4 Fort Recovery will implement a program to clear both urban and rural areas of debris after severe wind and flooding to keep crop fodder and debris out of water treatment plants, sewers, transportation routes, and other infrastructure, and to keep roadways open and usable as soon as possible after storms.					
17	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC

GOAL 3: FORT RECOVERY WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES DUE TO UTILITY OUTAGES AND RESOURCE SHORTAGES FROM ALL CAUSES

3.1 Fort Recovery will establish redundant suppliers of heating fuels, potable water, and other utility needs and will identify and facilitate availability and proper use of generators as an alternate power source

18	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
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3.2 Fort Recovery will encourage the hardening of utilities through damage resistant installation below grade, improvements to supply lines and generations plants, and upgrade of substations and transformers.

19	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
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GOAL 4: FORT RECOVERY WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS TOPSOIL AND WATERWAYS FROM EROSION

4.1 Fort Recovery will protect shorelines and riverbanks from wind, water and other hazards that cause erosion or degradation through stabilization techniques like lining with rip-rap or large stone

20	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
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4.2 Fort Recovery will encourage conservation processes that protect topsoil and slopes or banks from wind or water erosion through the use of windbreaks, filter strips, cover crops, grassy buffers, tree lines, and other methods of preserving the soil

21	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC COG ICC
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4.3 Fort Recovery will establish conservation procedures to be used during water emergencies or shortages due to drought or contaminated water supplies.

22	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
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4.4 Fort Recovery will protect roadways vulnerable to compromised structure integrity, damaged berms, washed away foundations or abutments, or other deterioration due to severe storms

23	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC CDBG
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GOAL 5: FORT RECOVERY WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES FROM ALL SEVERE STORMS, INCLUDING THUNDERSTORMS AND BLIZZARDS, AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS AND CAUSES

5.1 Fort Recovery will expand and improve its public warning and notification capability through additional or improved outdoor warning sirens, improvements to the software used in these systems, or enhanced public education regarding warning and notification of protection orders or warnings

24	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC HSGP/EMPG
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5.2 Fort Recovery will develop and implement a program to assist in the removal of dead or diseased trees along waterways and roadways that have been affected by Emerald Ash Borer and other invasive species

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
25	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
5.3 Fort Recovery will educate the public about local digital warning and notification systems that inform them of incoming severe weather and life-threatening incidents					
26	Public Information	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC HSGP/EMPG
5.4 Fort Recovery will identify and establish locations to be used as community centers during extended power outages or extreme conditions					
27	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC OTH

GOAL 6: FORT RECOVERY WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO OBTAIN AND USE DISASTER INFORMATION TO SAVE LIVES AND PRESERVE PROPERTY FOR ALL HAZARDS PRESENT IN MERCER COUNTY

6.1 Fort Recovery will educate the public about all relevant disaster hazards and vulnerabilities, protective actions, available services, vulnerable populations and available assistance and other emergency procedures using a variety of means to include print and spoken media, digital resources, and other appropriate local resources.

28	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC HSGP/EMPG
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3.3.7 Mendon

This small village situated in the northeast of Mercer County is concerned about wind, tornados, and severe storms because of the debris management issues associated with fallen trees and property damage. They see invasive species as a threat because the trees are severely damaged and destroyed, creating an even great debris issue after significant storms. They have little concern about dam failure because there are no classified dams in the area; and drought is of little concern because of the robust well water supply. With so few buildings in the village, little would be damaged by an earthquake unless it was so significant that one and two story homes were destroyed.

The mayor and village workers will implement the mitigation actions.

Table 3-9: Mendon Mitigation Goals and Strategies

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
GOAL 1: MENDON WILL EMPLOY MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES INCURRED FROM SEVERE WINDSTORMS, INCLUDING STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS AND TORNADOES.					
1.1 Mendon will advocate and support, and implement on village-owned property, the proper maintenance of trees and vegetation to reduce damages caused by high winds or tornadoes					
1	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
1.2 Mendon will advocate for and support the creation of safe rooms for vulnerable locations, including single and multi-family homes and neighborhoods without basements or shelters					
2	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM LOC

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
1.3	Mendon will maintain and enforce land use regulations (including zoning and development regulations and construction codes) in an effort to reduce storm damages to properties				
3	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
1.4	Mendon will implement a program to clear both urban and rural areas of debris after severe wind and flooding to keep crop fodder and debris out of water treatment plants, sewers, transportation routes, and other infrastructure, and to keep roadways open and usable as soon as possible after storms.				
4	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC

GOAL 2: MENDON WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES DUE TO UTILITY OUTAGES AND RESOURCE SHORTAGES FROM ALL CAUSES

2.1	Mendon will encourage the hardening of utilities through damage resistant installation below grade, improvements to supply lines and generations plants, and upgrade of substations and transformers				
5	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC OTH ICC
2.2	Mendon will establish redundant suppliers of heating fuels, potable water, and other utility needs and will identify and facilitate availability and proper use of generators as an alternate power source				
6	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC

GOAL 3: MENDON WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES FROM ALL SEVERE STORMS, INCLUDING THUNDERSTORMS AND BLIZZARDS, AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS AND CAUSES

3.1	Mendon will educate the public about local digital warning and notification systems that inform them of incoming severe weather and life-threatening incidents				
7	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC HSGP/EMPG
3.2	Mendon will expand and improve its public warning and notification capability through additional or improved outdoor warning sirens, improvements to the software used in these systems, or enhanced public education regarding warning and notification of protection orders or warnings				
8	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC HSGP/EMPG
3.3	Mendon will identify and establish locations to be used as community centers during extended power outages or extreme conditions				
9	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC OTH
3.4	Mendon will develop and implement a program to assist in the removal of dead or diseased trees along waterways and roadways that have been affected by Emerald Ash Borer and other invasive species				
10	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC

GOAL 4: MENDON WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT REDUCE DAMAGES FROM FLOODING

4.1	Mendon will participate in NFIP and other federal flood mitigation programs that help the county reduce losses attributable to flooding, and will regularly review flood maps through a process of public engagement to assure accuracy as necessary				
11	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
4.2	Mendon will maintain or replace, as needed, water control structures and systems, such as storm sewers, wastewater pumping stations, generators, water pumps, dams, and other structures that control watershed and/or protect specific areas from flooding				

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
12	Structurally Engineered	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ST ICC CDBG
4.3 Mendon will use federal and state grant programs to fund mitigation efforts, especially in flood mitigation and mitigation planning					
13	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
4.4 Mendon will review and enforce existing land use regulations (zoning rules, building codes) to facilitate wise development, especially in areas with flood vulnerability					
14	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
4.5 Mendon will advocate that renters, landowners, and others purchase and maintain reasonable casualty insurance, including flood insurance where appropriate, as mitigation against disaster losses					
15	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
4.6 Mendon will utilize acquisition, demolition, and relocation programs for properties that have repeated or extremely severe damage from floods and flash floods					
16	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM/FMA/HMGP SRL LOC
4.7 Mendon will remove debris and obstructions from village-owned waterways					
17	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
4.8 Mendon will create buffer zones and restore natural habitat in low-lying areas to hold excess runoff until it naturally drains downstream					
18	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM/FMA/HMGP CDBG LOC

GOAL 5: MENDON WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO OBTAIN AND USE DISASTER INFORMATION TO SAVE LIVES AND PRESERVE PROPERTY FOR ALL HAZARDS PRESENT IN MERCER COUNTY

5.1 Mendon will educate the public about all relevant disaster hazards and vulnerabilities, protective actions, available services, vulnerable populations and available assistance and other emergency procedures using a variety of means to include print and spoken media, digital resources, and other appropriate local resources.

19	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	EMPG/HSGP LOC
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GOAL 6: MENDON WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS TOPSOIL AND WATERWAYS FROM EROSION

6.1 Mendon will protect roadways vulnerable to compromised structure integrity, damaged berms, washed away foundations or abutments, or other deterioration due to severe storms

20	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC CDBG
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6.2 Mendon will establish conservation procedures to be used during water emergencies or shortages due to drought or contaminated water supplies.

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
20	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC COG ST

3.3.8 Montezuma

Tourists and temporary guests cluster in Montezuma because it lies on the southwest corner of Grand Lake St. Marys. The cottages, cabins, and rental/lease properties are lakefront residences for non-residents. Other homes are occupied by full time residents who are concerned about wind and tornado damage first and then flooding. The rolling area around the lake consists of many short streets where water collects as the village copes with heavy rain. Severe thunderstorms and winter storms can inundate the community, and power outages can cause disruption of activities when they occur. Drought and extreme heat sometimes challenge the lake levels and impede tourism in this community. While an ODNR-owned and maintained dam keeps lake levels at the proper height, residents are only slightly concerned about dam failure. Should that occur, it could be devastating to the community as homes, cabins, and cottages were flooded and businesses were inundated with water. They are not significantly concerned over invasive species and earthquake as there is little property and few trees to destroy.

The volunteer village officials, led by the mayor, will implement the mitigation strategies.

Table 3-10: Montezuma Mitigation Goals and Strategies

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
GOAL 1: MONTEZUMA WILL EMPLOY MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES INCURRED FROM SEVERE WINDSTORMS, INCLUDING STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS AND TORNADOES					
1.1 Montezuma will maintain and enforce land use regulations (including zoning and development regulations and construction codes) in an effort to reduce storm damages to properties					
1	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
1.2 Montezuma will advocate and support, and implement on village-owned property, the proper maintenance of trees and vegetation to reduce damages caused by high winds or tornadoes					
2	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
1.3 Montezuma will advocate for and support the creation of safe rooms for vulnerable locations, including single and multi-family homes and neighborhoods without basements or shelters					
3	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM LOC
1.4 Montezuma will implement a program to clear both urban and rural areas of debris after severe wind and flooding to keep crop fodder and debris out of water treatment plants, sewers, transportation routes, and other infrastructure, and to keep roadways open and usable as soon as possible after storms					
4	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC

GOAL 2: MONTEZUMA WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT REDUCE DAMAGES FROM FLOODING

2.1 Montezuma will participate in NFIP and other federal flood mitigation programs that help the county reduce losses attributable to flooding, and will regularly review flood maps through a process of public engagement to assure accuracy as necessary					
5	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
2.2 Montezuma will properly maintain dams and other water control structures to protect people and properties from consequences of structural failure.					
6	Structurally Engineered	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOCST ICC
2.3 Montezuma will maintain or replace, as needed, water control structures and systems, such as storm sewers, wastewater pumping stations, generators, water pumps, dams, and other structures that control watershed and/or protect specific areas from flooding					
7	Structurally Engineered	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ST ICC
2.4 Montezuma will use federal and state grant programs to fund mitigation efforts, especially in flood mitigation and mitigation planning					
8	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
2.5 Montezuma will utilize elevation to protect critical infrastructure and property from flooding, and identify methods to prevent hazardous materials and other industrial equipment from endangering residents during flooding					
9	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM LOC
2.6 Montezuma will review and enforce existing land use regulations (zoning rules, building codes) to facilitate wise development, especially in areas with flood vulnerability					
10	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
2.7 Montezuma will participate in regional efforts to reduce vulnerability to flood damages through collaboration including the creation of wetlands and reduction in the use of phosphorus and nitrogen on lawns and the resulting exacerbation of flood damages					
11	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC OTH
2.8 Montezuma will make residents aware of and facilitate the use of simple prevention measures including the use of sand bags during severe storms					
12	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
2.9 Montezuma will remove debris and obstructions from village-owned waterways					
13	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
2.10 Montezuma will prevent construction in flood zones that does not consider vulnerability to damages and does not mitigate those consequences					
14	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
2.11 Montezuma will require the use of retention and detention ponds where new or expanded construction, parking lots, streets, or other development may cause flooding to occur as a result of increased runoff or lack of natural watershed process					
15	Structurally Engineered	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC PDM/CDBG

2.12 Montezuma will utilize acquisition, demolition, and relocation programs for properties that have repeated or extremely severe damage from floods and flash floods

16	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM/FMA/SRL
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2.13 Montezuma will create buffer zones and restore natural habitat in low-lying areas to hold excess runoff until it naturally drains downstream

17	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
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2.14 Montezuma will advocate that renters, landowners, and others purchase and maintain reasonable casualty insurance, including flood insurance where appropriate, as mitigation against disaster losses

18	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
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GOAL 3: MONTEZUMA WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES DUE TO UTILITY OUTAGES AND RESOURCE SHORTAGES FROM ALL CAUSES

3.1 Montezuma will establish redundant suppliers of heating fuels, potable water, and other utility needs and will identify and facilitate availability and proper use of generators as an alternate power source

19	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC OTH
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3.2 Montezuma will encourage the hardening of utilities through damage resistant installation below grade, improvements to supply lines and generations plants, and upgrade of substations and transformers

20	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
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GOAL 4: MONTEZUMA WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES FROM ALL SEVERE STORMS, INCLUDING THUNDERSTORMS AND BLIZZARDS, AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS AND CAUSES

4.1 Montezuma will educate the public about local digital warning and notification systems that inform them of incoming severe weather and life-threatening incidents

21	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC EMPG/HSGP
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4.2 Montezuma will expand and improve its public warning and notification capability through additional or improved outdoor warning sirens, improvements to the software used in these systems, or enhanced public education regarding warning and notification of protection orders or warnings

22	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC EMPG/HSGP
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4.3 Montezuma will develop and implement a program to assist in the removal of dead or diseased trees along waterways and roadways that have been affected by Emerald Ash Borer and other invasive species

23	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
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GOAL 5: MONTEZUMA WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS TOPSOIL AND WATERWAYS FROM EROSION

5.1 Montezuma will protect roadways vulnerable to compromised structure integrity, damaged berms, washed away foundations or abutments, or other deterioration due to severe storms

24	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC CDBG
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5.2 Montezuma will protect beaches, shorelines, and riverbanks from wind, water and other hazards that cause erosion or degradation through stabilization techniques like lining with rip-rap or large stone.

25	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ST
5.3 2 Montezuma will establish conservation procedures to be used during water emergencies or shortages due to drought or contaminated water supplies					
26	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC

GOAL 6: MONTEZUMA WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO OBTAIN AND USE DISASTER INFORMATION TO SAVE LIVES AND PRESERVE PROPERTY FOR ALL HAZARDS PRESENT IN MERCER COUNTY

6.1 Montezuma will educate the public about all relevant disaster hazards and vulnerabilities, protective actions, available services, vulnerable populations and available assistance and other emergency procedures using a variety of means to include print and spoken media, digital resources, and other appropriate local resources.

27	Public Information	Fire Chief	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC EMPG/HSGP
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3.3.9 Rockford

This small village that sits on the high side of the St. Marys River in north central Mercer County fears the damages from wind and tornado more than other threats. Close behind wind is the threat of excess water and flooding as well as debris created by dead trees and vegetation. This is usually due to invasive species like the Emerald Ash Borer. Severe storms, summer or winter, can clog the traffic routes that bring trucks, cars, and other haulers into Ohio from Indiana, and on to markets and suppliers along US 33. Well supplied by wells and having redundant water, the village is concerned less about drought, extreme heat and earthquakes or dam failure.

Rockford's village administrator will implement mitigation strategies with the help of village council and the mayor.

Table 3-11: Rockford Mitigation Goals and Strategies

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
GOAL 1: ROCKFORD WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT REDUCE DAMAGES FROM FLOODING.					
1.1 Rockford will require the use of retention and detention ponds where new or expanded construction, parking lots, streets, or other development may cause flooding to occur as a result of increased runoff or lack of natural watershed process.					
1	Structurally Engineered	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC CDBG
1.2 Rockford will maintain or replace, as needed, water control structures and systems, such as storm sewers, wastewater pumping stations, generators, water pumps, dams, and other structures that control watershed and/or protect specific areas from flooding					
2	Structurally Engineered	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ST ICC
1.3 Rockford will clear county-maintained ditches of debris, sediment, and other obstructions that impede drainage and watershed					

3	Property Protection	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
1.4 Rockford will utilize acquisition, demolition, and relocation programs for properties that have repeated or extremely severe damage from floods and flash floods.					
4	Prevention	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM/FMA/SRL LOC
1.5 Rockford will participate in NFIP and other federal flood mitigation programs that help the county reduce losses attributable to flooding, and will regularly review flood maps through a process of public engagement to assure accuracy as necessary					
5	Prevention	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
1.6 Rockford will advocate that renters, landowners, and others purchase and maintain reasonable casualty insurance, including flood insurance where appropriate, as mitigation against disaster losses					
6	Property Protection	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
1.7 Rockford will encourage individuals to mitigate personal flood loss through the use of simple prevention measures like sandbagging or not building on property that floods.					
7	Property Protection	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
1.8 Rockford will use federal and state grant programs to fund mitigation efforts, especially in flood mitigation and mitigation planning.					
8	Property Protection	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
1.9 Rockford will prevent construction in flood plains that does not consider the vulnerability to damages and does not mitigate those consequences through modifications to construction					
9	Prevention	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
1.10 Rockford will review and enforce existing land use regulations (zoning rules, building codes) to facilitate wise development, especially in areas with flood vulnerability.					
10	Prevention	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC

GOAL 2: ROCKFORD WILL EMPLOY MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES INCURRED FROM SEVERE WINDSTORMS, INCLUDING STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS AND TORNADOES

2.1 Rockford will advocate for and support the creation of safe rooms for vulnerable locations, including single and multi-family homes and neighborhoods without basements or shelters.					
11	Property Protection	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM
2.2 Rockford will advocate and support, and implement on village-owned property, the proper maintenance of trees and vegetation to reduce damages caused by high winds or tornadoes					
12	Property Protection	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
2.3 Rockford will maintain and enforce land use regulations (including zoning and development regulations and construction codes) in an effort to reduce storm damages to properties.					
13	Prevention	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC

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3.3 Rockford will establish conservation procedures to be used during water emergencies or shortages due to drought or contamination.

17	Nat. Resource Protection	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
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GOAL 4: ROCKFORD WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES FROM ALL SEVERE STORMS, INCLUDING THUNDERSTORMS AND BLIZZARDS, AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS AND CAUSES.

4.1 Rockford will educate the public about local digital warning and notification systems that inform them of incoming severe weather and life threatening incidents.

18	Public Information	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC EMPG/HSGP
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4.2 Rockford will implement a program to identify and remove dead or diseased trees along waterways and in the public domain that have been or will be destroyed by invasive species, and will therefore become part of a debris management problem after storms and floods.

19	Property Protection	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
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4.3 Rockford will expand and improve its public warning and notification capability through additional or improved outdoor warning sirens, improvements to the software used in these systems, or enhanced public education regarding warning and notification of protection orders or warnings.

20	Public Information	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC HSGP/EMPG
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4.4 Rockford will identify and establish locations to be used as community centers during extended power outages or extreme conditions.

21	Public Information	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC OTH
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GOAL 5: ROCKFORD WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS TOPSOIL AND WATERWAYS FROM EROSION

5.1 Rockford will participate in regional watershed management programs when feasible to create additional wetlands, and to reduce the use of phosphorus and nitrogen in agricultural, residential, and commercial settings.

22	Nat. Resource Protection	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
5.2 Rockford will protect roadways from compromised structural integrity, washed away abutments and bridges, degraded berms, or other damage through stabilization and reinforcement techniques					
23	Property Protection	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
5.3 Rockford will protect riverbanks from wind, water, and other hazards that cause erosion or degradation through stabilization techniques like lining them with riprap or large stone to limit erosion.					
24	Nat. Resource Protection	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC

GOAL 6: ROCKFORD WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT ENABLE THE PUBLIC TO OBTAIN AND USE DISASTER INFORMATION TO SAVE LIVES AND PRESERVE PROPERTY FOR ALL HAZARDS PRESENT IN MERCER COUNTY.

6.1 Rockford will educate the public about all relevant disaster hazards and vulnerabilities, protective actions, available services, vulnerable populations and available assistance and other emergency procedures using a variety of means to include print and spoken media, digital resources, and other appropriate local resources.

25	Public Information	Village Administrator	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC EMPG/HSGP
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3.3.10 St. Henry

St. Henry is a small village filled with neat and well-kept homes and robust businesses and industry on the south side of Mercer County. At the beginning of the Coldwater Creek, they are most concerned about floods that fill parking lots, streets, and commercial properties as well as some homes and private properties. Severe wind, either straight line or tornado, is very concerning. Severe storms can have an impact as debris, sediment and crop fodder fall and flow into town, clogging storm sewers and drainage. St. Henry is less concerned about earthquakes, drought, and dam failure because their risk is ranked as very low.

The village mayor and staff will implement mitigation strategies with the help of village council members.

Table 3-12: St. Henry Mitigation Goals and Strategies

Priority	Action Type	Lead Agency	Start Date	End Date	Funding
GOAL 1: ST. HENRY WILL ENGAGE IN MITIGATION ACTIONS THAT REDUCE DAMAGES FROM FLOODING.					
1.1 St. Henry will participate in NFIP and other federal flood mitigation programs that help the county reduce losses attributable to flooding, and will regularly review flood maps through a process of public engagement to assure accuracy as necessary					
1	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC

1.2 St. Henry will maintain or replace, as needed, water control structures and systems, such as storm sewers, wastewater pumping stations, generators, water pumps, dams, and other structures that control watershed and/or protect specific areas from flooding

2	Structurally Engineered	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ST ICC
1.3 St. Henry will advocate that renters, landowners, and others purchase and maintain reasonable casualty insurance, including flood insurance where appropriate, as mitigation against disaster losses					
3	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
1.4 St. Henry will prevent construction in flood plains that does not consider the vulnerability to damages and does not mitigate those consequences through modifications to construction					
4	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
1.5 St. Henry will review and enforce existing land use regulations (zoning rules, building codes) to facilitate wise development, especially in areas with flood vulnerability					
5	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
1.6 St. Henry will properly maintain dams and other water control structures to protect people and properties from consequences of structural failure					
6	Structurally Engineered	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ST ICC
1.7 St. Henry will use federal and state grant programs to fund mitigation efforts, especially in flood mitigation and mitigation planning					
7	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
1.8 St. Henry will require the use of retention and detention ponds where new or expanded construction, parking lots, streets, or other development may cause flooding to occur as a result of increased runoff or lack of natural watershed process					
8	Structurally Engineered	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC OTH ICC
1.9 St. Henry will utilize acquisition, demolition, and relocation programs for properties that have repeated or extremely severe damage from floods and flash floods					
9	Prevention	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM/HMGP LOC
1.10 St. Henry will clear village-maintained ditches of debris, sediment, and other obstructions that impede drainage and watershed					
10	Nat. Resource Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ST

GOAL 2: ST. HENRY WILL EMPLOY MITIGATION ACTIONS TO REDUCE DAMAGES INCURRED FROM SEVERE WINDSTORMS, INCLUDING STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS AND TORNADOES

2.1 St. Henry will implement a program to clear both urban and rural areas of debris after severe wind and flooding to keep crop fodder and other debris out of water treatment plants, sewers, transportation routes, and other infrastructure, and to keep roadways open and usable as soon as possible after storms

11	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC ICC
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2.2 St. Henry will advocate and support, and implement on village-owned property, the proper maintenance of trees and vegetation to reduce damages caused by high winds or tornadoes

12	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	LOC
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2.4 St. Henry will advocate for and support the creation of safe rooms for vulnerable locations, including single and multi-family homes and neighborhoods without basements or shelters

14	Property Protection	Mayor	7-1-17	12-31-22	PDM
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3.3.11 Strategy Descriptors

Each strategy developed by the jurisdictions is assigned a priority, action type, lead agency, timeline, and potential funding source. These elements are described below. While the specific information in this chart may change prior to implementation of a strategy, the exercise of assigning time lines required stakeholders to evaluate current resources and support programs to determine how to best reduce the effects of disaster. Public information campaigns, plan enhancements, and the establishment of emergency protective measures were the highest priority and generally not significantly expensive. Upgrading communication and notification/warning systems was second because the acquisition of equipment involves procurement and budget process, therefore taking at least one budget year. Collaboration with other groups and comprehensive actions, due to the need to build trust and association between groups, would take longer to accomplish goals because it involved a two-phase action plan. Last on the completion list were structural project due to design time requirements, budget needs, and dependence upon outside funding sources through applications. The priorities of life safety, incident containment, and property conservation combined with budget and procurement needs were major factors in determining the priority of goals and strategies.

Priority

Priority identifies the order of importance jurisdictions assigned to each strategy. Strategies may not be addressed in this exact order, depending on availability of funds and other circumstances.

Action Type

Action type describes the kind of activity described in the strategy.

- Natural Resource Protection – Reduce the impacts of natural hazard by preserving or restoring natural areas and their mitigation functions
- Prevention – Avoid hazard problems or stop impact from worsening
- Property Protection – Protect structures by modifying or strengthening building to withstand impact
- Public Information – Advise the public about hazards, hazardous areas, and mitigation techniques to protect people and property

- Structurally Engineered Project – Lessen the impact of a hazard by modifying the environment or progression of the hazard event through designed and engineered projects

Lead Agency

The lead agency is the entity charged with championing the strategy and ensuring that jurisdiction officials look for opportunities to complete the strategy over the five-year planning cycle. This agency may not have the authority or power to make a strategy into a project, nor would they necessarily be responsible for project oversight or completion should the strategy develop into an actionable and funded project. Rather, the lead agency is responsible for coordinating the overall effort and plays a key role in championing the project or, by default, is the entity most appropriate to lead project development at the initial stage. If the strategy becomes a feasible project, this agency is not the only entity that would be involved in its execution, nor is it the only entity involved in keeping the strategy on the jurisdiction's radar. For accountability purposes, the strategy is assigned to a single entity. When the strategy becomes a project, the jurisdiction would identify a project manager who may or may not represent the lead agency assigned in this plan.

Timeline

The timeline identifies the time frame in which a mitigation strategy could realistically be implemented. The actual time frame may vary from what is described in this plan, depending on funding, grant opportunities, or changes in priorities as other critical activities are adjusted to meet evolving community needs. At the time of plan development, these timelines fit logically within each jurisdiction's resources and support programs. As Mercer County reviews this mitigation plan annually, the timelines will be reviewed, adjusted, and modified as appropriate.

Funding Source

Mitigation strategies can be funded through a variety of sources. Depending on the type and cost of the project, different funding sources will be available and appropriate.

- CDBG – Community Development Block Grants
- FMA – Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant
- PDM – Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant
- HMGP – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- SRL – Severe Repetitive Loss Grant
- RFC – Repetitive Flood Claims Program
- COG – Clean Ohio Grant
- ICC – Increased Cost of Compliance (including rate increases or premiums)
- LOC – Local Funds
- ST – State Funds
- OTH – Other (including private funds and non-governmental agency funding)

3.4 IMPLEMENTATION

The identified mitigation strategies are general actions that could be taken to reduce the negative impact of disasters and large-scale emergencies. For any given strategy to become an actionable item, it must be converted to a specific project with funding, action steps, timelines, and project goals. For example, if a repetitive loss property is to be acquired and demolished and the property owner relocated, that project must begin with the identification of the specific property to be acquired and the funding to be utilized for the project. The property owner must agree to accept the buy-out and use the money to purchase another home. The jurisdiction must accept its share of cost, planning responsibility, and project management roles. Only then can the actual project be executed. A similar process must be followed for any of the strategies identified here to become projects that reduce disaster loss in Mercer County.

The EMA will monitor the implementation of these strategies through ongoing communication with officials and stakeholders. When grant opportunities arise, reasonable efforts will be made to secure funding. For strategies that must be funded through local budgets, jurisdictions will work diligently to identify local funding sources that can be used to address disaster vulnerability. When funding is secured, a detailed project timeline will be developed and actionable steps taken to complete the project. Upon completion, effectiveness will be evaluated by the jurisdiction and findings shared with the EMA and planning team for consideration in developing future projects.

The greatest value in these strategies is the process, knowledge, and reasoning stakeholders utilized during their development. The mitigation planning process required stakeholders to collaborate to evaluate hazards and risks in their community. They were required to examine the local community, predict where and under what conditions damages would occur, and identify how to reduce or eliminate potential damages. The solutions, in the form of mitigation goals and actions that will ultimately develop into projects, had to be developed to maximize benefit to the community while minimizing cost. This process required whole community involvement so that the community was appropriately represented in the planning process.

Ultimately, Mercer County developed a set of comprehensive, thoroughly considered, relevant, and effective solutions to problems that are likely to arise. As stakeholders considered how to solve potential problems, they utilized a collaborative spirit to address community-wide problems. These strategies were original thoughts to reduce disaster vulnerability and loss at the local level.

Given the availability of funding, personnel, and support, Mercer County and its jurisdictions are positioned to move forward and implement these strategies to the best of their ability to accomplish their goals. Whatever mitigation activities are achieved will be well thought out, logical, and reasonable because of the community-wide hazard mitigation planning process.