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Ms. Pam Broughton, Director
Clermont County Emergency Management Agency
2279 Clermont Center Road
Batavia, Ohio 45103

RE: Clermont County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update

Dear Director Broughton,

Congratulations on the Federal approval *pending adoption* of the updated Clermont County All- Hazards Mitigation Plan Update. Your plan meets the required criteria in 44 CFR 201.6 for a local multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan.

The next step is for the county and its participating jurisdictions to formally adopt this plan by passing and signing a resolution or ordinance as appropriate. Once the plan has been adopted, please forward copies of the adoption documents to our office. The Mitigation Branch will forward these documents to FEMA Region V. Communities that do not adopt the plan will not be eligible for Federal mitigation funding. After review of the adoption documents, FEMA will issue a letter granting final approval of the plan.

Should you have any questions please contact Dean Ervin at 614/799-3681, by fax at 614/799-3526 or dervin@dps.state.oh.us email.

Sincerely,



Steven A. Ferryman, CFM
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Ohio EMA / Mitigation Branch

Attachments: FEMA Region V letter dated December 30, 2013
Federally-Evaluated Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool dated December 18, 2013

Cc: Keven Clouse, Field Liaison, EMA District 7
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Mr. Steve Ferryman
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Dear Mr. Ferryman:

Thank you for submitting the Clermont County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan update for our review. The plan was reviewed based on the local plan criteria contained in 44 CFR Part 201, as authorized by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The Clermont County plan met the required criteria for a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. Formal approval of this plan is contingent upon its adoption by the participating jurisdictions. Once FEMA Region V receives documentation of adoption from the local jurisdictions we will send a letter of official approval to your office.

We look forward to receiving the adoption documentation and completing the approval process for the Clermont County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

If you or the county have any questions, please contact Kirstin Kuenzi at (312) 408-4460.

Sincerely,

Christine Stack

for Christine Stack, Director
Mitigation Division

Attachment: Local Plan Review Sheets

APPENDIX A: LOCAL MITIGATION PLAN REVIEW TOOL

The *Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool* demonstrates how the Local Mitigation Plan meets the regulation in 44 CFR §201.6 and offers States and FEMA Mitigation Planners an opportunity to provide feedback to the community.

- The Regulation Checklist provides a summary of FEMA's evaluation of whether the Plan has addressed all requirements.
- The Plan Assessment identifies the plan's strengths as well as documents areas for future improvement.
- The Multi-jurisdiction Summary Sheet is an optional worksheet that can be used to document how each jurisdiction met the requirements of the each Element of the Plan (Planning Process; Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment; Mitigation Strategy; Plan Review, Evaluation, and Implementation; and Plan Adoption).

The FEMA Mitigation Planner must reference this *Local Mitigation Plan Review Guide* when completing the *Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool*.

Jurisdiction: Clermont County, OH	Title of Plan: Clermont County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update	Date of Plan: October 28, 2013
Local Point of Contact: Pam Broughton	Address: 2279 Clermont Center Rd Batavia, OH 45103	E-Mail: clermontema@clermontcountyohio.gov
Title: Director		
Agency: Clermont County EMA		
Phone Number: (513) 732-8502		

State Reviewer: Dean Ervin	Title: State Mitigation Planner	Date: 11/1/13
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FEMA Reviewer: Rebecca Leitschuh & Kirstin Kuenzi	Title: Community Planning Specialists	Date: 12/18/2013
Date Received in FEMA Region <i>(insert #)</i>	11/4/2013	
Plan Not Approved		
Plan Approvable Pending Adoption	XX	
Plan Approved		

**SECTION 1:
REGULATION CHECKLIST**

INSTRUCTIONS: The Regulation Checklist must be completed by FEMA. The purpose of the Checklist is to identify the location of relevant or applicable content in the Plan by Element/sub-element and to determine if each requirement has been ‘Met’ or ‘Not Met.’ The ‘Required Revisions’ summary at the bottom of each Element must be completed by FEMA to provide a clear explanation of the revisions that are required for plan approval. Required revisions must be explained for each plan sub-element that is ‘Not Met.’ Sub-elements should be referenced in each summary by using the appropriate numbers (A1, B3, etc.), where applicable. Requirements for each Element and sub-element are described in detail in this *Plan Review Guide* in Section 4, Regulation Checklist.

1. REGULATION CHECKLIST		Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met	Not Met
Regulation (44 CFR 201.6 Local Mitigation Plans)				
ELEMENT A. PLANNING PROCESS				
A1. Does the Plan document the planning process, including how it was prepared and who was involved in the process for each jurisdiction? (Requirement §201.6(c)(1))	3.3, pp. 20-21 describes the local methodology and planning process. 3.1, pp. 19, Table 6 lists the participating jurisdictions. 3.3, pp. 20-21 describes various meetings, dates and how they participated in the planning process.	X		
A2. Does the Plan document an opportunity for neighboring communities, local and regional agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, agencies that have the authority to regulate development as well as other interests to be involved in the planning process? (Requirement §201.6(b)(2))	3.1, pp. 15 and Appendix B, pp. 25-43 lists the local agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, agencies that have authority to regulate development, and the participating communities and adjacent counties.	X		
A3. Does the Plan document how the public was involved in the planning process during the drafting stage? (Requirement §201.6(b)(1))	3.2, p. 20; 3.4, p. 21; Appendix B	X		
A4. Does the Plan describe the review and incorporation of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information? (Requirement §201.6(b)(3))	2.6, pp. 15; 4.1.3, pp. 24-25; 4.7.4, pp. 64; Table 29, pp. 69-70	X		
A5. Is there discussion of how the community(ies) will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process? (Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(iii))	6.0, pp. 97	X		

1. REGULATION CHECKLIST		Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met	Not Met
Regulation (44 CFR 201.6 Local Mitigation Plans)				
A6. Is there a description of the method and schedule for keeping the plan current (monitoring, evaluating and updating the mitigation plan within a 5-year cycle)? (Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(i))	6.0, pp. 97	X		
ELEMENT A: REQUIRED REVISIONS				
N/A				
ELEMENT B. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT				
B1. Does the Plan include a description of the type, location, and extent of all natural hazards that can affect each jurisdiction(s)? (Requirement §201.6(c)(2)(i))	4.2-4.10, pp. 25-76; Appendices C & F	X		
B2. Does the Plan include information on previous occurrences of hazard events and on the probability of future hazard events for each jurisdiction? (Requirement §201.6(c)(2)(i))	4.2-4.10, pp. 25-76; Appendices C & F	X		
B3. Is there a description of each identified hazard's impact on the community as well as an overall summary of the community's vulnerability for each jurisdiction? (Requirement §201.6(c)(2)(ii))	4.2-4.10, pp. 22-73; 4.13 Tables 36 & 37, p. 84 (probability); Appendices C & F	X		
B4. Does the Plan address NFIP insured structures within the jurisdiction that have been repetitively damaged by floods? (Requirement §201.6(c)(2)(ii))	4.4.2, pp. 33-36	X*		
ELEMENT B: REQUIRED REVISIONS				
*The plan states that there are 29 repetitive loss properties in Clermont County, but FEMA's BureauNet database shows that there are 30- 2 in Batavia, 11 in the unincorporated parts of the county, 3 in Loveland, 13 in New Richmond, and 1 in Williamsburg.				
ELEMENT C. MITIGATION STRATEGY				
C1. Does the plan document each jurisdiction's existing authorities, policies, programs and resources and its ability to expand on and improve these existing policies and programs? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3))	2.7, Table 4, pp. 17	X		
C2. Does the Plan address each jurisdiction's participation in the NFIP and continued compliance with NFIP requirements, as appropriate? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(ii))	4.4.2, Table 14, pp. 34-35	X		
C3. Does the Plan include goals to reduce/avoid long-term vulnerabilities to the identified hazards? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(i))	5.2, pp. 88	X		
C4. Does the Plan identify and analyze a comprehensive range of specific mitigation actions and projects for each jurisdiction being considered to reduce the effects of hazards, with emphasis on new and existing buildings and infrastructure? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(ii))	5.3, pp. 88-92; 5.4, pp. 93-96; Appendix E	X		
C5. Does the Plan contain an action plan that describes how the actions identified will be prioritized (including cost benefit review), implemented, and administered by each jurisdiction? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(iv)); (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(iii))	5.3, pp. 88-89; 5.4, pp. 93-96	X		

1. REGULATION CHECKLIST		Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met	Not Met
Regulation (44 CFR 201.6 Local Mitigation Plans)				
C6. Does the Plan describe a process by which local governments will integrate the requirements of the mitigation plan into other planning mechanisms, such as comprehensive or capital improvement plans, when appropriate? (Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(ii))	2.6, pp. 15-16	X		
<u>ELEMENT C: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				
N/A				
ELEMENT D. PLAN REVIEW, EVALUATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION (applicable to plan updates only)				
D1. Was the plan revised to reflect changes in development? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	4.2.3, pp. 23; 4.3.3, pp. 25; 4.4.6, pp. 42; 4.5.3, pp. 46; 4.6.5, pp. 50; 4.7.5, pp. 55; 4.8.4, pp. 63; 4.9.4, pp. 64; 4.10.4, pp. 67; 4.11.4, pp. 70; 4.12.3, pp. 72	X		
D2. Was the plan revised to reflect progress in local mitigation efforts? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	5.1, Table 29, pp. 76-77	X		
D3. Was the plan revised to reflect changes in priorities? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	4.13, pp. 84; 5.1, pp. 86	X		
<u>ELEMENT D: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				
N/A				
ELEMENT E. PLAN ADOPTION				
E1. Does the Plan include documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the jurisdiction requesting approval? (Requirement §201.6(c)(5))	<i>Plan can be adopted post-FEMA approval.</i>			X
E2. For multi-jurisdictional plans, has each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan documented formal plan adoption? (Requirement §201.6(c)(5))	<i>Plan can be adopted post-FEMA approval.</i>			X
<u>ELEMENT E: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				
N/A				
ELEMENT F. ADDITIONAL STATE REQUIREMENTS (OPTIONAL FOR STATE REVIEWERS ONLY; NOT TO BE COMPLETED BY FEMA)				
F1.				
F2.				
<u>ELEMENT F: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				

SECTION 2: PLAN ASSESSMENT

A. Plan Strengths and Opportunities for Improvement

This section provides a discussion of the strengths of the plan document and identifies areas where these could be improved beyond minimum requirements.

Element A: Planning Process

Strengths:

- *Excellent jurisdictional participation, with five meetings before the public's review.*

Element B: Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment

Strengths:

- *Each community within Clermont County has developed their own hazard prioritization/ranking.*
- *HAZUS was performed for both flooding and earthquakes.*

Element C: Mitigation Strategy

Element D: Plan Update, Evaluation, and Implementation (Plan Updates Only)

B. Resources for Implementing Your Approved Plan

There are many different resources that can assist your community in plan implementation. FEMA sources of funding include the following:

HMGP: The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is authorized by Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended. The key purpose of HMGP is to ensure that the opportunity to take critical mitigation measures to reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters is not lost during the reconstruction process following a disaster. HMGP is available, when authorized under the Presidential major disaster declaration, in the areas of the State requested by the Governor.

PDM: The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program is authorized by Section 203 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5133. The PDM program is designed to assist States, Territories, Indian Tribal governments, and local communities to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future major disaster declarations.

****The following are only available if you are a participating community in the NFIP****

FMA: The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program is authorized by Section 1366 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC) program has the goal of reducing flood damages to individual properties for which one or

more claim payments for losses have been made under flood insurance coverage and that will result in the greatest savings to the National Flood Insurance Fund (NFIF) in the shortest period of time.

SLR: The Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) program is authorized by Section 1361A of the NFIA has the goal of reducing flood damages to residential properties that have experienced severe repetitive losses under flood insurance coverage and that will result in the greatest amount of savings to the NFIF in the shortest period of time.

RFC: The Repetitive Flood Claims program is authorized by Section 1361A of the NFIA, 42 U.S.C. 4030 with the goal of reducing flood damages to individual properties for which one or more claim payment for losses have been made under flood insurance coverage and that will result in the greatest savings to the National Flood Insurance Fund in the shortest period of time.

SECTION 3:
MULTI-JURISDICTION SUMMARY SHEET (OPTIONAL)

INSTRUCTIONS: For multi-jurisdictional plans, a Multi-jurisdiction Summary Spreadsheet may be completed by listing each participating jurisdiction, which required Elements for each jurisdiction were 'Met' or 'Not Met,' and when the adoption resolutions were received. This Summary Sheet does not imply that a mini-plan be developed for each jurisdiction; it should be used as an optional worksheet to ensure that each jurisdiction participating in the Plan has been documented and has met the requirements for those Elements (A through E).

Clermont County; the cities of Loveland and Milford; the villages of Amelia, Batavia, Bethel, Chilo, Felicity, Moscow, Neville, Newtonsville, Owensville, Williamsburg.