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Mr. Steve Ferryman
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Dear Mr. Ferryman:

Thank you for submitting the Ashland County 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. Ashland County met the required criteria for a multi-jurisdiction hazard mitigation plan. Formal approval of this plan is contingent upon the adoption of the current version of the plan by the county. Once FEMA Region V receives documentation of adoption 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 Ashland County plan.

If you or the community has any questions, please contact Rebecca Leitschuh at (312) 408-4421 or at rebecca.leitschuh@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Stack".

Christine Stack, Director
Mitigation Division

Attachments: 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: Ashland County, Ohio	Title of Plan: Mitigation Plan for Natural Disasters, Ashland County Ohio	Date of Plan: February 9, 2015
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State Reviewer: Dean W. Ervin, Sr.	Title: State Mitigation Planner	Date: March 12, 2015
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FEMA Reviewer: Rebecca Leitschuh	Title: Community Planning Specialist	Date: April 28, 2015
Date Received in FEMA Region (Insert #)	March 13, 2015	
Plan Not Approved		
Plan Approvable Pending Adoption	May 4, 2015	
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))	pp. 10-16 describe the local methodology and planning process; pp. 11-13 list the participating jurisdictions, the representatives' names, titles and organizations; pp 14-15 describes various meetings 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))	p. 11 lists the local agencies involved in hazard mitigation activities, agencies that have authority to regulate development; pp. 11-13 list 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))	pp. 15-18; Appendix A, pp. 105-107	X		
A4. Does the Plan describe the review and incorporation of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information? (Requirement §201.6(b)(3))	pp. 20-22 state various publications and regulations;	X		

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Regulation (44 CFR 201.6 Local Mitigation Plans)				
A5. Is there discussion of how the community(ies) will continue public participation in the plan maintenance process? (Requirement §201.6(c)(4)(iii))	pp. 17-18; 102	X		
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))	pp. 101-102	X		
<u>ELEMENT A: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				
There are no required revisions for this Element.				
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))	pp. 23-83; Appendix B	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))	pp. 23-83; probability pp. 25, 27 and each hazard profile	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))	pp. 23-83	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))	p. 52	X		
<u>ELEMENT B: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				
There are no required revisions for this Element.				
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))	pp. 20-22	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))	p. 52 NFIP participation; p. 53 NFIP compliance	X		
C3. Does the Plan include goals to reduce/avoid long-term vulnerabilities to the identified hazards? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(i))	p. 88- 89	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))	p. 88- 99	X		

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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))	p. 100	X		
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))	pp. 102-103	X		
<u>ELEMENT C: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				
There are no required revisions for this Element.				
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))	pp. 6-9	X		
D2. Was the plan revised to reflect progress in local mitigation efforts? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	p. 88	X		
D3. Was the plan revised to reflect changes in priorities? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	pp. 84-100	X		
<u>ELEMENT D: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				
There are no required revisions for this Element.				
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))	Pending; pp. 16 & 104	X		
E2. For multi-jurisdictional plans, has each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan documented formal plan adoption? (Requirement §201.6(c)(5))	Pending; pp. 16 & 104	X		
<u>ELEMENT E: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				
There are no required revisions for this Element.				
ELEMENT F. ADDITIONAL STATE REQUIREMENTS (OPTIONAL FOR STATE REVIEWERS ONLY; NOT TO BE COMPLETED BY FEMA)				
F1. There are no additional state requirements.				
F2.				
<u>ELEMENT F: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				

**SECTION 2:
PLAN ASSESSMENT**

A. Plan Assessment

- Overall, the plan is written in a concise and meaningful manner. The main purposes of a hazard mitigation plan carry across because the plan writers did not use excessive language and descriptions. More is not always better, and this plan succinctly presents the main risks, vulnerabilities, and mitigation strategies. It is well organized.
- The table Capability Assessments includes a broad overview of capabilities for individual jurisdictions in multiple categories. (p. 20-22)
- Well written narratives describing historic events.
- Future recommendation is to highlight the highest priority risks in an executive summary or some sort. Not all elected officials or readers will take the time to read through the entire plan. A summary in the beginning may be useful.

B. Resources for Implementing Your Approved Plan

- See Attached Flyer

SECTION 3:

MULTI-JURISDICTION SUMMARY SHEET (OPTIONAL)

County: Ashland

City: Ashland

Villages: Bailey Lakes, Hayesville, Jeromesville, Loudonville, Mifflin, Perrysville, Polk, Savannah