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Dear Mr. Ferryman:

Thank you for submitting the Allen 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. Allen 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 Allen County plan.

If you or the community has any questions, please contact Steve Greene at (312) 408-5343 or at steve.grecne@fcma.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink 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: Allen County	Title of Plan: Allen County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan	Date of Plan: March 24, 2016
Local Point of Contact: Tom Berger	Address: 333 N. Main St. Lima, OH, 45802	E-Mail: tberger@allencountyohio.com
Title: Director		
Agency: Allen County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management		
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State Reviewer: Dean Ervin	Title: State Mitigation Planner	Date: March 25, 2016
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FEMA Reviewer: Christine Meissner Steve Greene Christine Meissner	Title: Mitigation Planning Specialist Mitigation Planning Specialist Mitigation Planning Specialist	Date: April 15, 2016 May 18, 2016 May 26, 2016
Date Received in FEMA Region (insert #)	March 28, 2016	
Plan Not Approved		
Plan Approvable Pending Adoption	X	
Plan Approved		

Participating jurisdictions include: Allen County, City of Lima and villages of Bluffton and Elida

1. REGULATION CHECKLIST		Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met	Not Met
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))	Section 5.5, pg. 108: The plan mentions throughout the maintenance process each respective stakeholder and the public will be involved as progress is tracked and actions are taken.		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))	Section 5.5, pg. 107-108: The Allen County Board of Commissioners will appoint a committee to track and evaluate the plan and submit reports to the Board annually.		X	
ELEMENT A: REQUIRED REVISIONS				
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))	Section 3, pg. 33-82: Hazards identified in this plan include: Class I dam failures, droughts, earthquakes, floods, hailstorms, land subsidence, winter storms, tornadoes and windstorms. Each hazard profile section includes a discussion of past events and jurisdictional location, including number of past events, extent (ie. Hall size, Fujita scale, wind strength, Richter magnitude, Palmer Drought Index) and estimated damages from some of the more notable events.		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))	Section 3, pg.33-82: Each hazard profiled in the plan discusses past events and probability of future events; table on pg. 82 ranks each hazard type with respect to probability of occurrence, severity of impact, and mitigation potential. (low, moderate, high).		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))	Section 3, pg.33-82: Hazard scenarios for a class 1 dam failure and a 100-year flood are included, providing damage and loss estimates based on projected area of land impacted and using parcel data to determine financial estimates. Aerial photographs and GIS maps are also included for areas where these localized hazard events are possible.		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))	Section 3.5.2, pg. 72 (PDF): Plan provided a table indicating the repetitive loss properties.		X	
ELEMENT B: REQUIRED REVISIONS				
ELEMENT C. MITIGATION STRATEGY				

1. REGULATION CHECKLIST		Location in Plan (section and/or page number)	Met	Not Met
<i>Regulation (44 CFR 201.6 Local Mitigation Plans)</i>				
D1. Was the plan revised to reflect changes in development? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	Section 1.2, Pg. 10: The Plan Advisory Committee reviewed community inventories regarding assets for residential, nonresidential and critical facilities. Estimated losses for hazard scenarios was projected based on parcel type.		X	
D2. Was the plan revised to reflect progress in local mitigation efforts? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	Section 1.2, pg. 3: Plan states that each jurisdiction presented a status of each mitigation action from the previously Federally-approved plan.		X	
D3. Was the plan revised to reflect changes in priorities? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	Section 1.2, pg. 10: The plan states the Plan Advisory Committee adjusted the probability of each hazard based on the last several years.		X	
<u>ELEMENT D: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				
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 FEMA review			X
E2. For multi-jurisdictional plans, has each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan documented formal plan adoption? (Requirement §201.6(c)(5))	Pending FEMA review			X
<u>ELEMENT E: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				
ELEMENT F. ADDITIONAL STATE REQUIREMENTS (OPTIONAL FOR STATE REVIEWERS ONLY; NOT TO BE COMPLETED BY FEMA)				
F1.				
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<u>ELEMENT F: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				