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Ashland County is now in the process of making sure that if a natural disaster is declared within the County, it will be eligible for funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help pay for recovery. In order for this to happen, the County must follow the Mitigation Act of 2000. This Act was established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to financially assist communities before and after a declared natural disaster.

In order for the County to be eligible for these funds, however, it must have a natural disaster mitigation plan that has been submitted to and approved by FEMA. The County has begun the process by putting together a committee that has been charged with developing the County's Plan. The Committee is headed by Floyd "Chip" Poland, the County's Director of the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EMA/HS). Membership on this Committee also includes representatives from the County Commissioners, Health Department, Fire Department, Sheriff's Department, and other city and County officials. The Plan itself is being organized by David Heinlen, with Bowling Green State University, who has been hired by the Commissioners through the FEMA grant.

The overall planning process involves a number of steps. The first step is to identify the types of natural disasters that might affect the County and the possible costs of those disasters if they did occur. This step has essentially been completed. The second step involves proposals for projects that would be designed to lessen the effects of natural disasters on the community. Funding for the proposed projects would be made available from FEMA. These possible projects include the purchase installation of tornado sirens, gas-powered generators, weather radios, and similar types of equipment. The City of Ashland, all County villages, and the County Commissioners are required to submit at least one project proposal to be eligible for any FEMA funding. Projects are encouraged from County townships but they are not a requirement for funding. Projects proposed by the County political subdivisions must be submitted to the County's Mitigation Planning Committee for their review. If approved by the Committee, the proposed projects will be incorporated within the County's Mitigation Plan.

A major effort is to make sure that the general public has every opportunity to assist in the planning process. This means that citizens have the ability to make recommendations to County officials for projects they consider important for the community. Information on what projects have been proposed can be obtained from the Director of the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Eventually, as the planning process continues, citizens will also have the opportunity to review the draft Plan before it is submitted to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency for their approval. This review will come in the form of an Open House that is required under the Mitigation Act of 2000. Citizens will also be able to review the draft Plan online through the Ashland County website (<http://www.ashlandcounty.org/>) under "Emergency Management." Recommendations from residents can be made to the Mitigation Planning Committee through the Emergency Management/Homeland Security Office at (419) 282-4272 or through e-mail at ema@ashlandcounty.org.

The final step of the planning process comes after the Plan has been completed. The County Commissioners, the City of Ashland, and all County villages must formally approve this Plan by resolution. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency and FEMA will not finally approve the Plan until copies of all resolutions are submitted to the Ohio EMA.

It is very important that all County citizens be prepared for all natural disasters. Becoming involved with the planning process provides an additional opportunity to make Ashland County as safe as it can be. Any questions about the natural disaster mitigation plan can be forwarded to Chip Poland using the above contact information.



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November 29, 2006

Dear,

This correspondence is written to inform you that I have been contracted by the Ashland County Commissioners to develop the County's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for natural disasters. As the Director of the Emergency Management Agency of an adjacent county, you understand that a natural disaster event can affect neighboring counties. Accordingly, mitigation projects that may be of benefit to both counties should be considered, particularly if the areas in question are of high priority for mitigation.

Ashland County Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Chip Poland, and I would be more than happy to discuss these issues with you if you wish. Please also know that we will lend any assistance whenever possible to work with you on any mitigation activities that may lessen the adverse impacts of natural disasters on both communities. We will also keep you informed of any mitigation projects that are submitted to the Ashland County Mitigation Planning Committee that might impact your county.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave Heinlen
Ashland County Mitigation Planning Committee

Names/Addresses of EMA Directors informed of Mitigation Planning for Ashland County

William Ommert, CEM
Huron County EMA
255-B Shady Lane Drive
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Tom Kelly, Director
Lorain County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
322 N. Gateway Blvd.
Elyria, Ohio 44035

Charles (Buck) Adams, Director
Medina County EMA
555 Independence Drive
Medina, Ohio 44256

John Wise, Director
Wayne County EMA
201 W. North Street
Justice Center Basement
Wooster, Ohio 44691

Gary Mellor, Director
Holmes County EMA
2 Court Street, Suite 11
Millersburg, Ohio 44654

Marie Blubaugh, Director
Knox County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management
11540 Upper Gilchrist Road
Mt. Vernon, Ohio 43050

Keith Markley, Director
Richland County EMA
597 Park Avenue East
Mansfield, OH 44905

Meeting Agenda
Ashland County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning Committee

Wednesday, October 19, 2005, 9:30 am
Ashland County Sheriff's Office – Emergency Operations Center

- 1. Introduction of Committee Members**
- 2. Overview of Mitigation Act of 2000 Provisions**
- 3. Review Steps of Plan Development**
- 4. Identify Committee Responsibilities**
- 5. Future Meetings**

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? _____
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm)

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? _____

Project description _____

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project _____

Estimated cost of the project _____

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary) _____

Project submitted by: _____
(name/political subdivision/phone #)

Please send the completed form by February 28, 2007 to:

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? ALL NATURAL DISASTERS
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm)

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? ASHLAND COUNTY

Project description DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A COUNTYPWIDE GIS
TO BE ABLE TO BETTER IDENTIFY, PINPOINT AND MITIGATE
NATURAL AND MAN-MADE DISASTERS. WILL INCLUDE BASE
MAPS / AERIAL PHOTOS OF COUNTY ALONG WITH VARIOUS
OVERLAYS OF COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE.

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project 54,000

Estimated cost of the project \$300,000.00

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary) _____

Will provide emergency responders with more detailed information
regarding the geographical characteristics of county... Will also improve
emergency response times... Will also assist with planning activities
that could prevent future loss of life / assets during natural disasters.

Project submitted by: ASHLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
(name/political subdivision/phone #) 419. 282. 4353

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? Natural Disasters
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm)

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? City of Ashland

Project description Clean up the town Creek to
improve the flow of storm water through the
City

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project 26,000

Estimated cost of the project \$100,000

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary) Improved
water flow reduces flooding. Streets and infrastructure
is impacted less by excess water

Project submitted by: Burgess
(name/political subdivision/phone #)

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? Loss of power
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm)

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? Baileys Lake Village

Project description Generator for sewer plant

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project 400

Estimated cost of the project \$20,000

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary) Will protect downstream Vermilion River from pollution.

Project submitted by: Kenneth Carpenter, Baileys Lake 419-962-4440
(name/political subdivision/phone #)

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? Winter Storm, Wind, Etc. - any severe storm
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm)

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? Village of Haysville

Project description To purchase one trailer mounted emergency generator
for use at the sewage plant lift stations.

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project ~~15,000~~ 450

Estimated cost of the project \$ 13,000.00

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary) 450

During power outages, there is a need to power the lift stations.
If we could not supply these stations, sewage would back up
into residents homes

Project submitted by: Mayer James E. Justice Village of Haysville
(name/political subdivision/phone #) 419-368-3818

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? TORNADO, SEVERE WINTER STORM, WINDSTORM
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm)

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? VILLAGE OF JEROMESVILLE

Project description PURCHASE 2 PORTABLE GENERATORS FOR THE WATER
TREATMENT PLANT + PUMPS.

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project 500 RESIDENTS &
400 SCHOOL STUDENTS STAFF

Estimated cost of the project \$31,000.00

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary) THE VILLAGE
CURRENTLY HAS NO WAY OF SUPPLYING WATER DURING A
LONG POWER OUTAGE.

Project submitted by: MAYOR ED BLOUGH - VILLAGE OF JEROMESVILLE
(name/political subdivision/phone #) 419-368-7701 - 419-368-3764 - 419-606-1126

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? Emergency Generator for
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm)
High School when it is used for emergency center.

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? Village of Loudonville
and surrounding area.

Project description 131 KVA - 3 phase portable generator.

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project 5 to 25 thousand

Estimated cost of the project \$50,000.00

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary) This would
provide electric for the High School when it is be used a a emergency
center. The generator would be stored at the village maintenance
department so it could be run and service on a regular bases. It
would be wired at both locations.

Project submitted by: Steve J. Jody / Loudonville / 419-994-3210
(name/political subdivision/phone #)

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? Tornado Siren for the south
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm)
side of Loudonville, OH.

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? South side of Loudonville
Mohican State Park and all campgrounds down the Wally Rd.

Project description Install Tornado/Severe Storm warning with battery backup
by Mohican State Park Class A Campgrounds.

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project 25 Thousand people
come to this area to camp and canoe holidays and weekends

Estimated cost of the project \$23,000.00

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary) Could save thousands
of lives if there was a flash flood as there was in July 2006.

We can thank the Lord there was not any deaths this time.

Project submitted by: Henry J. / Loudonville / 419-994-3220
(name/political subdivision/phone #)

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? Severe Weather
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm) - Power Outage

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? Middle Village

Project description A generator for the Town Hall
and also one for the Village Community
Center

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project App. 250
144 plus

Estimated cost of the project \$1500.00 To \$2000. each
possibly
1 ownership

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary)

This would allow a central location
center to be set up and allow the Police
Department to have their central center
It would allow them to continue the
connection with the Homeland Security
equipment installed in the Town Hall

Project submitted by: Linda Riddle - Middle Village
(name/political subdivision/phone #) 419-368-7453
Committee

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would allow
for residents
to gather in a
central location
for safety
supplies &
information

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? _____

(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm)

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? Village of Perrysville

Project description To purchase back up generator for sewer plant.

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project 813

Estimated cost of the project 45,000.00

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary) Sewer lift stations need power during power outages. A back up generator would allow them to continue working and not back up into residents homes

Project submitted by: Hollie Jones Fiscal Officer 419-938-7112
(name/political subdivision/phone #)

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? TORNADO, WINDSTORM, BURNING
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm)

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? VILLAGE OF POLK

Project description INSTALL NATURAL GAS BACK UP GENERATOR
C POSSIBLE PROJECTS, FENCING FOR SEWER PLANT, NEW TORNADO WARNING
SIREN)

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project 400

Estimated cost of the project \$5,000

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary)

VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTER IS A RED CROSS DISASTER SHELTER WHICH WOULD
BE WITHOUT POWER AFTER ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED STORMS

Project submitted by: JAMES COON, VILLAGE OF POLK, 419-945-2601
(name/political subdivision/phone #)

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? FLOOD, POWER OUTAGES
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm) (STORM, TORNADO)

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? VILLAGE OF SAVANNAH

Project description GENERATOR FOR SUB STATION
Sewer

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project 400

Estimated cost of the project \$2900

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary) THE VILLAGE
HAS 2 SUBSTATIONS & ONLY ONE GENERATOR.
SO IT WOULD PREVENT DANGER OF SEWAGE
OVERFLOW IN CASE OF POWER OUTAGE

Project submitted by: THOMAS KRUSE / VILLAGE OF SAVANNAH
(name/political subdivision/phone #) 419-962-4389

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? Tornado or Power outage
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm)

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? Green Twp and Village of Perrysville

Project description To purchase a portable generator to be used
at Green-Perrysville Fire Station or anywhere in
Green Twp. for emergency power.

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project 5,000

Estimated cost of the project \$ 25,000.00

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary) Emergency
power if needed during a natural disaster or
power outage

Project submitted by: Dustin Stitzlein, Green Township Trustees (419) 938-3231
(name/political subdivision/phone #)

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? Flood; Severe Winter; Tornado
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm)

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? Lake twp, Ashland Co.

Project description Install L.P generator at twp house so
affected area could have running water - lights -
heat. There is no nearby town for these residents
to go to

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project 700-800

Estimated cost of the project \$3500- as of Feb 2007

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary) Twp house
is centrally located in twp. People go there to
vote. We have water, heat, lights but no generator
for back-up power. It would provide a sense of
security for people in our twp. Twp house is
located near a st Rt. and a County Rd.

Project submitted by: Robert Esselburn trustee Lake twp 419-827-2358
(name/political subdivision/phone #)

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? tornado siren
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm)

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? Mohican Township

Project description Install tornado siren in Mohicanville

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project 1800 people

Estimated cost of the project \$20,000.00

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary)

There is currently a tornado siren in the Village of Jeromesville,
but having another siren in the township would help warn
more residents as many township residents arent able
to hear the one in Jeromesville.

Project submitted by: Jody Bartter / Mohican Township / 419-651-4626
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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? Earthquake, Torando, Wind, Hail
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm) or any sever storm.

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? Orange Twp., Agape Acres and Mapleton Schools.

Project description To install disaster sirens strategically around Orange Township to insure early warning of potential danger. (3 sirens)

1. County Roads 620 & 801 for northend and School district.
2. State Route 511 at Agape Acres for retirement mobile home community
3. County Road 601 and Township Road 902 for Eastside residents.

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project 3,500

Estimated cost of the project \$20,000 each, Total project cost \$60,000

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary) Most of Orange Township residents, all of Agape Acres and all of Mapleton Schools are out of touch for natural disaster early warning. In the past several years tornados have ripped through Orange Township and took residents by suprise because the only siren in on the Fire Station in the southern part of the township out of ear shot of most of the residents.

Project submitted by: George Parks, Trustee, Orange Township, Ashland
(name/political subdivision/phone #) (419)-289-7837 (419)-282-1233

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? Tornado Severe weather
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm)

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? Buggles Township

Project description Install 2 sirens with Battery Backup
at The North & South ends of The Township
and a back up generator for The garage

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project 1,000

Estimated cost of the project 40,000

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary)

It would allow all members to hear the siren
during severe weather and allow the garage to
have power to operate the garage during power outage.

Project submitted by: Buggles Township
(name/political subdivision/phone #)

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For what natural disaster is this project directed to mitigate? Tornado - severe storm
(drought, flood, earthquake, hailstorm, severe winter storm, tornado, or windstorm)

What specific political subdivision(s) will be served by this project? Troy Township

Project description Replace Tornado / severe storm warning siren
next to Ruggles - Troy Volunteer Fire station. Include
fuel-powered generator, in case battery-backup system fails.
Tower is located 50 feet south of center of township near
the intersection of US Hwy 224 and State Route 511

Estimated number of people potentially affected by implementing this project 1,200 +

Estimated cost of the project \$ 15,000

How will this project benefit the community? (Use separate pages, if necessary) Township is
currently using a tornado / severe warning device, which is
approximately 25-30 years old. Would like to provide
generator backup in the event of an extended power outage.
Siren and generator will provide adequate, effective warning.

Project submitted by: Jeff Beebe, Trustee, Troy Township
(name/political subdivision/phone #) 419-652-3746 or 419-606-1977

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