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March 6, 2020
HMGP DR-4360.05P-OH

Ms. Jessie Powers, Planning Director
Athens County Regional Planning Commission
280 West Union Street, Suite B
Athens, Ohio 45701

RE: Updated Athens County 2019 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Dear Ms. Powers,

Thank you for submitting the Athens County 2019 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for our review. As authorized by the FEMA-State Agreement for FEMA-4360-DR, the Ohio Emergency Management Agency has reviewed the Athens County plan and found that it has met the required criteria contained in 44 CFR Part 201.6.

The plan is now approved pending adoption. 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 Luan Nguyen at 614/799-3531, or by email at lknguyen@dps.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Ferryman, CFM
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
Mitigation Branch Chief

Attachments: State-Evaluated Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool dated March 6, 2020

Cc: Darren Price, Regional Supervisor, Ohio EMA
Lorie Haukedahl-Mount, Emergency Management Specialist, Ohio EMA
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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: Athens County	Title of Plan: Athens County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2019	Date of Plan: 1/10/2020, 2/28/2020, 3/3/2020
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State Reviewer: Maeve Hogel, Luan Nguyen	Title: Hazard Mitigation Intern, State Hazard Mitigation Planner	Date: 2/12/2020, 3/2/2020, 3/6/2020
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FEMA Reviewer:	Title:	Date:
Date Received in FEMA Region <i>(insert #)</i>		
Plan Not Approved		
Plan Approvable Pending Adoption		
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))	Page 6-11	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))	Page 8-9	X		
A3. Does the Plan document how the public was involved in the planning process during the drafting stage? (Requirement §201.6(b)(1))	Page 9-11	X		
A4. Does the Plan describe the review and incorporation of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information? (Requirement §201.6(b)(3))	Page 12-19	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))	Page 8-11; Section 4.3, Page 141- 142	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 4.3, Page 141- 142	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))	Page 22-118	X		

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Regulation (44 CFR 201.6 Local Mitigation Plans)				
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))	Page 22-118, Probabilities defined jurisdictionally in respective "Natural Hazard Risk Assessment" tables.	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))	Page 53-118	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))	Appendix 10	X		
<u>ELEMENT B: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				
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))	Pages 13-16, Section 4.2	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))	Page 142-143	X		
C3. Does the Plan include goals to reduce/avoid long-term vulnerabilities to the identified hazards? (Requirement §201.6(c)(3)(i))	Page 130-137	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))	Page 130-137	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))	Page 128-137	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))	Section 4.2, Appendix 7	X		
<u>ELEMENT C: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				
ELEMENT D. PLAN REVIEW, EVALUATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION (applicable to plan updates only)				

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Regulation (44 CFR 201.6 Local Mitigation Plans)				
D1. Was the plan revised to reflect changes in development? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	"New Development" in each jurisdictions' individual risk assessment. Page 53-118	x		
D2. Was the plan revised to reflect progress in local mitigation efforts? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	Page 209-217	x		
D3. Was the plan revised to reflect changes in priorities? (Requirement §201.6(d)(3))	Page 130-137, 209-217	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	x		
E2. For multi-jurisdictional plans, has each jurisdiction requesting approval of the plan documented formal plan adoption? (Requirement §201.6(c)(5))	Page 196-213	x		
<u>ELEMENT E: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				
OPTIONAL: HIGH HAZARD POTENTIAL DAM RISKS				
HHPD1. Did Element A4 (planning process) describe the incorporation of existing plans, studies, reports, and technical information for high hazard potential dams?		x		
HHPD2. Did Element B3 (risk assessment) address HHPDs?		x		
HHPD3. Did Element C3 (mitigation goals) include mitigation goals to reduce long-term vulnerabilities from high hazard potential dams that pose an unacceptable risk to the public?		x		
HHPD4. Did Element C4-C5 (mitigation actions) address HHPDs prioritize mitigation actions to reduce vulnerabilities from high hazard potential dams that pose an unacceptable risk to the public?		x		
<u>REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>				
ELEMENT F. ADDITIONAL STATE REQUIREMENTS (OPTIONAL FOR STATE REVIEWERS ONLY; NOT TO BE COMPLETED BY FEMA)				
F1.				
F2.				

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<u>ELEMENT F: REQUIRED REVISIONS</u>					

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Dear Mr. Ferryman:

Thank you for submitting adoption documentation for the Athens County Hazard Mitigation Plan. 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 Athens County plan met the required criteria for a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan and the plan is now approved for Athens County, the cities of Athens and Nelsonville; and the villages of Albany, Amesville, Buchtel, Chauncey, Coolville, Glouster, Jacksonville, and Trimble.

The approval of this plan ensures continued availability of the full complement of Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grants. All requests for funding, however, will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the program under which the application is submitted.

We encourage the participating jurisdictions to work with Athens County to follow the plan's schedule for monitoring and updating the plan, and to continue their efforts to implement the mitigation measures. The expiration date of the Athens County Hazard Mitigation Plan is five years from the date of this letter. To continue project grant eligibility, the plan must be reviewed, revised as appropriate, resubmitted and approved no later than the expiration date.

Please pass on our congratulations to Athens County and the communities for completing this significant action. If you or the participating jurisdictions have any questions, please contact Steve Greene at (312) 408-5343 or Steven.Greene@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia McCarthy".

Julia McCarthy
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