



# MEETING NOTES

<b>Meeting</b>	Chester County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Planning Team Kickoff Meeting for Stakeholders		
<b>Date</b>	March 13, 2020	<b>Time</b>	1:00 – 1:40 p.m.
<b>Location</b>	Webinar		
<b>Attendees</b>	Debra Allen, Director, Brandywine River Valley Home Health		
	Jason Auge, Director, Hickory House		
	Jason Barrett, AFC Urgent Care, West Chester		
	Mike Beaty, Superintendent, Tredyffrin Township Police Department		
	Carrie Conwell, Senior Environmental Planner, Chester County Planning Commission		
	Brad M Cosgrove, ALS Captain, West End Fire Company		
	Cynthia Dallara, Administrator, Tel Hai Personal Care		
	Julie Donley, Director of Nursing, Children's Behavioral Health Services, Devereux		
	Matthew Eick, EMS Captain, Longwood Fire Company		
	Grant Everhart, Deputy Chief, Goshen Fire Company		
	Joseph Harris		
	Susan Hipp-Ludwick, AFC Urgent Care, West Chester		
	Peter Hughes, President, Trout Unlimited Valley Forge		
	Kate Jenkins, Home Health Director, Brookdale		
	Steven Johnson		
	Karen Katherman, Nursing Supervisor, Pocopson Home		
	Liz Linn		
	Craig Marleton, Aqua Water		
	Kathleen McCaig, Associate Planner, Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art		
	Stephanie Miller, Senior Director, United Way of Chester County		
	Stephen Nuse, EMS Captain, Avondale Fire Company		
	John Osborne		
	Chris Plumley, EMS Captain, Kennett Fire Company		
	Trevor Pye, President, There's No Place Like Home (TNPLH) Home Care		
	Rupert Rosetti, Octorara Watershed Association		
Marjorie Thomas, Chief Operating Officer, Holisticare Hospice			
Gary Weigel, EMS Chief, Goshen Fire Company			
Fred W. Wurster, EMS Chief, Minquas Fire Company			
Stacey Yosko, Director of Resident Services, Harrison Senior Living			



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Unidentified Representative, Brandywine Hospital - Tower Health
Unidentified Representative, Oxford Area School District
Unidentified Representative, Tredyffrin/Easttown School District
Stefanie Otley, Planner, Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech)
Tony Subbio, Project Manager, Tetra Tech
Eight additional unidentified callers

## Discussion Points

This section summarizes each discussion point addressed during the Planning Team Kickoff Meeting For Stakeholders. The meeting was held remotely because of the emerging COVID-19 pandemic. Because of the number of municipalities and additional stakeholders in Chester County, separate webinars were conducted for municipal officials and other stakeholders.

## Quick Introduction to Hazard Mitigation

Mr. Subbio provided a brief overview of hazard mitigation for attendees. He defined hazard mitigation, and reviewed types of mitigation actions. He described the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) for HMPs, as well as Pennsylvania's requirements. He discussed the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) mitigation grants. Finally, he reviewed statistics regarding the benefits of mitigation versus their costs.

## Planning Process

Mr. Subbio provided an overview of the HMP planning process, then described the steps in detail. This section summarizes the detailed description of each step.

The first step involves identifying the hazards of concern for Chester County. The hazards of concern that will be analyzed in the HMP are as follows:

- Dam Failure
- Drought and Water Supply Deficiencies
- Earthquake
- Environmental Hazards
- Extreme Temperatures
- Floods, Flash Floods, and Ice Jams
- Hurricane and Tropical Storms
- Invasive Species
- Nuclear Incidents
- Opioid Epidemic
- Pandemic
- Pipeline Incidents
- Radon Exposure
- Structural Fires
- Terrorism
- Tornadoes and Windstorms
- Transportation Accidents
- Utility Failure
- Winter Storms

Mr. Subbio asked attendees to identify any problems these hazards have caused their organizations; attendees did not respond with comments.



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Tetra Tech and the county will assess municipalities' and stakeholders' capabilities to implement hazard mitigation. These capabilities include plans, regulations, staff expertise, access to internal and external funding, training of key staff, and education and outreach. Mr. Subbio asked attendees to discuss the plans they have in place, funding available, and staff expertise to implement hazard mitigation.

## Next Steps

The following next steps were identified at the close of the meeting:

- Stakeholders will identify problems and problem areas caused by hazards in the county.
- Stakeholders will identify critical facilities that require backup power generators.
- Stakeholders will work with their host municipalities to provide information for the HMP update.

The webinar concluded at 1:40 p.m.



# AGENDA

## CHESTER COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE Planning Team Stakeholder Kickoff Meeting

Friday, March 13, 2020 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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1. Attendance

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  2. Quick Intro to Hazard Mitigation

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  3. Planning Process

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  4. Hazards of Concern

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  5. Capabilities

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  6. Solutions

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  7. Next Steps
    - a. Identify problems and problem areas
    - b. Identify backup power generation needs at critical facilities
    - c. Work with your municipality(ies)

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  8. Questions

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**Chester County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)**

**Update Planning Team Stakeholder Kickoff Meeting**

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**Agenda**

- Attendance
- Quick Intro to Hazard Mitigation
- Planning Process
- Hazards of Concern
- Capabilities
- Solutions
- Next Steps
- Questions

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**Attendance**

- Please post your name and organization in the Chat.

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**Quick Intro to Hazard Mitigation**

National Preparedness System: Mission Areas

Prevention

Protection

Mitigation

Response

Recovery

*Hazard Mitigation is any action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from disasters.*

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**Quick Intro to Hazard Mitigation (Cont.)**

**Local Plans and Regulations**

- Updating building codes
- Integrating risk into Master Plans

**Education and Awareness Programs**

- Flood insurance information
- Know your risk! campaign

**Natural Systems Protection**

- Preserving natural floodplain functions
- Protecting well recharge areas

**Structure and Infrastructure Projects**

- Constructing a levee
- Elevating a house above the base flood level

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**Quick Intro to Hazard Mitigation (Cont.)**

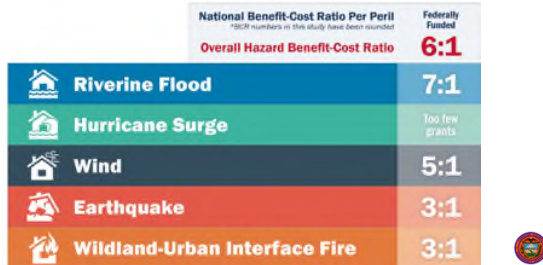
- Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000
  - Risk assessment
  - Public outreach and participation
  - Process for update
  - Formal State and FEMA review
  - Documentation of acceptance by the community
- Hazard Mitigation Assistance

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## Quick Intro to Hazard Mitigation (Cont.)

Per FEMA's 2017 National Institute of Building Sciences report, mitigation saves \$\$\$ !



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## Quick Intro to Hazard Mitigation (Cont.)

Questions?

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## Planning Process

- Update the Risk Assessment
- Update the Capabilities Assessment
- Update the Mitigation Strategy
- Develop the HMP
- Submit the HMP for Review
- Adopt the HMP
- Implement the HMP

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## Hazards of Concern

- *How have these hazards affected your facility/organization?*
- *What problems do these hazards cause in your community(ies)?*
- *Which of these hazards do you worry about for your organization?*

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## Hazards of Concern

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|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
| • Dam Failure                           | • Invasive Species   | • Terrorism                |
| • Drought and Water Supply Deficiencies | • Nuclear Incidents  | • Tornadoes and Windstorms |
| • Earthquake                            | • Opioid Epidemic    | • Transportation Accidents |
| • Environmental Hazards                 | • Pandemic           | • Utility Failure          |
| • Extreme Temperatures                  | • Pipeline Incidents | • Winter Storms            |
| • Floods, Flash Floods, and Ice Jams    | • Radon Exposure     |                            |
| • Hurricane and Tropical Storms         | • Structural Fires   |                            |

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## Capabilities

- What plans/procedures do you have in place to respond to or reduce vulnerability from those hazards?
- What funding do you leverage to reduce your vulnerability?
- What staff expertise do you have?
  - Emergency response
  - Planners
  - Grant writers
  - Engineering

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## Solutions

- *"I/My neighbors near \_\_\_\_\_ keep talking about moving because I'm/they're tired of dealing with \_\_\_\_\_!"*
- *"It would be great if the county/township/borough/state fixed \_\_\_\_\_!"*
- What critical facilities need backup power generators?



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## Next Steps

- Identify problems and problem areas
- Identify backup power generation needs at critical facilities
- Work with your municipality(ies)
- *Please provide information by March 27, 2020.*



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## Questions?

Thank you for your time!



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