

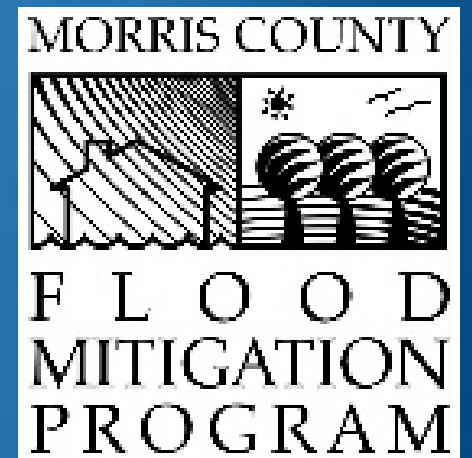
Hazard Mitigation Planning as an Opportunity to Advance Resiliency

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Background

Current Efforts

- Morris County Efforts
 - Flood Mitigation Program Began 2012 (buyouts)
 - Current Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) adopted August 2015
 - Community Rating System (CRS) Assistance Program created 2016
 - Received grant to begin working on new HMP - 2019



CRS Users Group

- Started 2017
- Meets Quarterly
- Municipalities share ideas / collaborate (pFIRMS/Forerunner)
- County point person between agencies & municipalities (FEMA, NJDEP, NJOEM etc.)



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Expires: March 31, 2020

National Flood Insurance Program
Community Rating System

Coordinator's Manual

Post Acquisition Restoration Planning

- Parsippany-Troy Hills Township - 2017
 - Rutgers studio
 - Rain Garden/Pocket Park



Post Acquisition Restoration Planning

- Floodplain Restoration – larger scale (i.e. Woodbridge Township)
- Monitor buyouts
- ID areas close to complete acquisition
- Reach out to municipal officials
- Develop Post Acquisition Plan
- **Implement Plan**



Woodbridge Township Report- Figure 5

Develop Post Acquisition Strategy

- Have municipal buy-in
- Need technical assistance for a plan
- USACE Silver Jackets Technical Assistance Grant
 - Project Team (Municipal, County, NJDEP, Rutgers)
 - Applied April 2019
 - USACE to decide July 2019
 - Goal to develop restoration plan
 - Floodplain storage
 - Greenway/Blueway
 - Wildlife Habitat



Next Steps

- New Hazard Mitigation Plan
 - Municipal Appendices – include Action Items
 - Work to reduce SRL/RL Properties
 - ID areas for restoration
 - Work with MC OEM on Pre-Disaster Planning
- Continue Coordinating with Partners
 - NJDEP
 - NJ OEM/FEMA
 - Rutgers
 - Municipalities

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