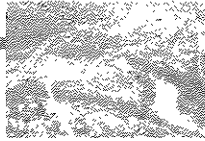


# SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY



## FLOOD HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING PROCESS May 7, 2008

### Status of Planning Effort

- ❑ Almost done - second draft of plan circulated tonight; please review and provide comments to Mark Wood by COB Friday, May 16.
- ❑ Revise plan as necessary based on comments from PEMA.
- ❑ County will finalize and adopt plan on Wednesday, May 28.
- ❑ Will circulate adoption resolutions for boroughs and townships by Friday, May 23

### Key Components of Draft Plan

- ❑ Hazard Vulnerability Analysis for flooding based on assessment done for all-hazards plan last year.
- ❑ Capability Assessment was derived from all-hazards plan; showed a lack of resources and capacity at municipal and County level to develop and implement mitigation projects.
- ❑ Mitigation Strategy strikes a balance between protecting lives and property and sustainable community and economic development - within existing capabilities and resources.

### Mitigation Strategy Goals & Objectives:

#### Goal 1: Protect Life and Property

- ❑ Implement mitigation activities that will assist in protecting lives and property by making homes, businesses, infrastructure, and critical facilities more resistant to flooding, including floodplain management programs.
- ❑ Encourage property owners to take preventive actions in areas that are especially vulnerable to flooding.
- ❑ Review existing local laws and ordinances, building codes, safety inspection procedures, and applicable rules to help ensure they incorporate the most recent and generally accepted standards for the protection of buildings and environmental resources.
- ❑ Ensure that public and private facilities and infrastructure meet established building codes and enforce the codes to address any identified deficiencies or floodplain violations.

### Mitigation Strategy Goals & Objectives

#### Goal 1, cont.: Protect Life and Property

- ❑ Incorporate flood hazard considerations into land-use planning and natural resource management.
- ❑ Encourage homeowners, renters, and businesses to purchase and maintain flood insurance.
- ❑ Integrate the recommendations of this plan into existing local and County programs, including planning initiatives.
- ❑ Implement flood mitigation activities that encourage environmental stewardship and protection of the environment.

### Mitigation Strategy Goals & Objectives

#### Goal 2: Increase Public Awareness

- ❑ Develop and implement additional education and outreach programs to increase public awareness of the risks associated with flooding and educate the public on specific, individual preparedness activities, such as purchasing flooding insurance.
- ❑ Provide information on tools, partnership opportunities, funding resources, and current government initiatives to assist in implementing flood mitigation activities.
- ❑ Implement flood mitigation activities that enhance the technological capabilities of municipalities and agencies in the County to better profile and assess exposure of flood hazard.
- ❑ Provide comprehensive information online to local emergency service providers, municipalities, the media and the public during and immediately following disaster and hazard events regarding emergency traffic routes, road closures, shelter locations, traffic restrictions, etc during flood events.

## Mitigation Strategy Goals & Objectives

### Goal 3: Encourage Partnerships

- Strengthen inter-jurisdiction and inter-agency communication, coordination, and partnerships to foster flood hazard mitigation strategies and/or projects designed to benefit multiple jurisdictions or municipalities.
- Identify and implement ways to engage public agencies with individual citizens, non-profit organizations, business, and industry to implement flood mitigation activities more effectively.
- Encourage shared services in acquiring, maintaining, and providing emergency services and equipment.

## Mitigation Strategy Goals & Objectives

### Goal 4: Provide for Emergency Services

- Encourage the establishment of policies at the local level to help ensure the prioritization and implementation of flood mitigation measures essential facilities, services, and infrastructure.
- Where appropriate, coordinate and integrate flood hazard mitigation activities with existing local emergency operations plans.
- Identify the need for, and acquire, any special emergency services, training, and equipment to enhance capabilities to reduce or eliminate the impacts of floods.
- Review and improve, if necessary, emergency traffic routes; communicate such routes to the public and communities during flood events.
- Ensure continuity of governmental operations, emergency services, and essential facilities at the County and local level during and immediately after flood events.

## Incorporate Plan into Existing Efforts

- Incumbent on County and municipalities to ensure flood mitigation plan is implemented, not just adopted and put on a shelf.

## Flood Mitigation Priorities

- **High Priority projects:** Protection of critical facilities and public infrastructure vital to the delivery of basic citizen services and the continuity of government. Critical facilities and public infrastructure includes hospitals, schools, senior centers, daycare centers, emergency shelters, public utilities, sewage and water treatment facilities, senior centers, fire stations, roads and bridges. Upgrades to storm drainage projects where critical facilities or infrastructure are at risk. Ongoing activities that require little or no financial resources to achieve significant public benefit, such as the refinement or adopting of floodplain management ordinances and building codes, adopting mutual aid agreements, and implementing public awareness campaigns intended to reduce or eliminate the impacts of floods. The implementation of mitigation opportunities currently pending funding with PEMA and FEMA.

## Flood Mitigation Priorities

- **Medium Priority projects:** The future acquisition and demolition of primary residential dwelling units in the floodplain, with highest priority given to repetitive loss properties. Elevating homes over the floodplain, and floodproofing businesses within the floodplain. The preservation and development of housing stock and commercial activities outside flood-prone areas is essential to the social and economic wellbeing of the County and townships and boroughs. Without a stable real estate tax base actively contributing to municipal budgets, townships and boroughs will struggle to provide services. Upgrades to storm drainage projects where improved personal property is a risk or vulnerable and there is a compelling public benefit.

## Flood Mitigation Priorities

- **Low Priority projects:** Upgrades to storm drainage projects, including cleaning debris from stream and creek beds, stream bank stabilization projects, enlarging culverts and drainage pipes to increase conveyance capacity, in areas where there is no critical infrastructure or facilities. The acquisition and demolition or elevation or floodproofing of primary residential dwelling units or commercial structures located outside the floodplain. The acquisition and demolition of primary residential dwelling units that have not sustained physical damage but where the land is being substantially eroded away by floodwaters and the structural integrity of the residence is being threatened. The acquisition and demolition of residential structures or vacant lots that are contiguous to residential properties acquired for the purpose of clearing the floodplain where those structures have not sustained substantial damage or been destroyed.

## Flood Hazard Mitigation Activities

- ❑ Maintain, update and enhance mutual aid agreements – County and all jurisdictions
- ❑ Update and enhance early warning and notification systems - County
- ❑ Ensure that adequate shelter facilities are available, especially facilities that will accommodate individuals with special needs - County and municipalities
- ❑ Better inform public on flood preparedness, evacuation procedures, and shelter locations - County

## Flood Hazard Mitigation Activities, cont'd

- ❑ Obtain funding for back-up generators and other redundant utilities for nursing homes, personal care facilities, Emergency Operations Centers, and other critical assets - County and certain municipalities
- ❑ Review, develop, promote and adopt model codes and ordinances to limit vulnerabilities to the impacts of future floods – County and municipalities
- ❑ Encourage continued compliance and greater participation in the NFIP
- ❑ Secure and facilitate training in all aspects of damage prevention, emergency management, and disaster recovery, with emphasis on grant programs and maximizing federal and state resources

## Flood Hazard Mitigation Activities, cont'd

- ❑ Actively integrate recommendations and principles of flood mitigation plan into existing local and County programs and initiatives
- ❑ Formalize flood hazard mitigation as an element in all facets of community planning and development activities
- ❑ Secure and facilitate training in all aspects of damage prevention, emergency management, and disaster recovery, with emphasis on grant programs and maximizing federal and state resources
- ❑ Support remapping of floodplain within Susquehanna County and the development of better floodplain management tools

## Flood Hazard Mitigation Activities, cont'd

- ❑ Secure topographic data and generate GIS images to better manage floodplain.
- ❑ Develop inventory of at-risk and repetitive loss structures and facilities.
- ❑ Actively pursue funding on annual basis, outside disaster assistance programs, for flood mitigation activities that target repetitive loss properties and improve public safety.

## Plan Maintenance

- ❑ Maintenance process to ensure that the plan remains an active and relevant document. The plan maintenance process must include a method and schedule for monitoring, evaluating and updating the plan at least every five years and describe how, when and by whom the work will be done. Must also include an explanation of how local governments intend to incorporate their flood mitigation actions into any existing planning mechanisms they have such as comprehensive plans and ordinances. Must also include a description of how the public will be involved in the plan maintenance process.

## Questions???

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Flood plan meeting tonight The final meeting for the flood mitigation plan will be held at 7 p.m. tonight, May 7, in the downtown conference room of the County Office Building, Monaca. Municipal participation is voluntary but opens the possibility to apply for and receive annual federal grants for projects or studies that reduce the frequency of flood events.

# Montrose residents air grievances on proposed renter's ordinance

By Kevin Woodruff  
Montrose Borough Council got an earful of grievances from borough residents regarding a proposed renter's ordinance, during its May 5 meeting.

On Monday, Jack Taylor, a councilor who he did not approve of the ordinance.

"I don't believe that the borough council has an accurate account of the number of rental units in the borough," Taylor said. "And I don't think there is any fiscal responsibility on the part of the borough to enact an ordinance."

Taylor went on to say he believes that some of the policies the borough is looking to enact would drive down the revenue of landlords.

"I don't speak against some level of enforcement," Taylor said. "But I think that this ordinance, as it stands, is invasive."

Another borough resident, however, said she favored the ordinance.

"I know people who look out their front, back and side doors and see a good awful mess," MaryAnn Waddington said.

Waddington said that she had been in talks with someone in Shuquehanna Borough who was a member council when it enacted a renter's ordinance.

"They said that it was completely worth it," Waddington said. "It reaches a happy medium on both sides," Macey said. "It would be my recommendation to have a hearing on May 12 to get continued on page 10

# Tourney stands as tribute to ballplayer's love of the game

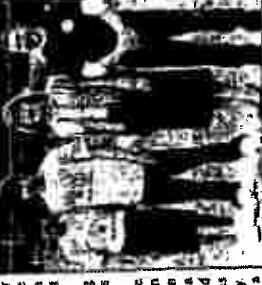
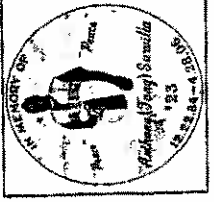
Concession stand built, dedicated in memory of BR ballplayer Anthony Survillo

By Staci Wilton  
From left all the way through Legion ball, Anthony Survillo loved the game of baseball.

He grew up playing the sport on the New Milford baseball field. Now, two years after his death at the age of 20, Survillo's memory has earned a permanent marker on a field where he spent so many of his childhood hours.

A new concession stand, built from hardwood and donated by Jesse Benedetti was dedicated during the Second Annual Anthony Survillo Baseball Tournament, Sunday, May 4. "He is a true and loyal friend to Anthony," said Survillo's mother Pat Holden. Survillo, worked with Benedetti tearing down barns

during summer months when he was home from college at East Stroudsburg University majoring in sports in broadcasting. have Anthony's name on the concession stand is quite a tribute to him," said Holden. "It was built for Anthony. To me - that's a huge thing. I think the community Representative Sneider Major said Jesse needs to know here Benedetti dedicate the new concession stand are good people out in Anthony Survillo's memory at the New Milford baseball field.



# Flood repair in sight for closed bridges

However, unlike the two Church Street bridges, there is no FEMA/FEMA assistance available for the Maple Street bridge because the bridge's condition is not flood related.

May 1 meeting, Chris Mabry, of Delta Engineering, and council members discussed the bridge work should be completed by the end of this year.

Not only will the Church Street bridge be fixed, council also voted to have the Maple Street bridge repaired as well.

Mabry reported the two outside beams were not adequately supported. "A heavy vehicle is putting itself in jeopardy," said Mabry.

Madry said the Maple Street project will go out as part of a total bid package but as a local share. He also told council if it was bid as a separate contract it would cost more.

Council also discussed whether they should only proceed with the FEMA approved spot repairs on the South Church Street bridge or if the whole bridge deck and support beam should be replaced at this time.

"This bridge is on the state's Transportation Improvement Program, or TIP, list of projects. Mabry advised council to go with the spot repair. He said the continued on page 10

# Judge won't drop Scher case

By Jack Monizaid  
Three Shawnech staff writer Judge William Henry will continue to preside over court proceedings involving late Dr. Stephen Scher case as defense attorneys seek a retrial.

The Jefferson County judge on Friday ruled against postponing motions filed by Scher's attorneys that accused him of judicial misconduct and appoint another judge to entertain this motion," Judge continued on page 10

The motions also asked for a new trial or at least an evidentiary hearing. "Nothing in the record suggests that a judge should appoint another judge to entertain this motion," Judge continued on page 10



# Closure near for flood plan process

Final flood planning meeting set for Wednesday, May 7

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Conference Room, County Office Building, 31 Public Avenue, Montrose. Parking is available in the lot behind the building.

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All members of the community are welcome to attend the meeting.

## Harford, New Milford set

### National Day of Prayer services

The first Thursday in May is nationally designated as a special day of prayer for the country. This year that day falls on May 1.

National Day of Prayer's theme this year is "Prayer, America's Strength and Shield." That is something desperately needed in, once again our country is facing many new as well as old challenges.

Public involvement and prayers are crucial to the well being of the country and family. God in His word instructs us to pray for those in authority over us.

Please join in as voices are lifted in prayer for God's blessings on this country and strength in time of need.

In Harford there will be a service at noon, on May 1, at the Gazette, with prayers, music, and an update on the 'Gazabo Case'.

In New Milford, the service will take place at the Gazette in Midtown Park, at 6:30 p.m., and last about one hour. There will be representatives of the US military. Come out and support them.

There is little seating available so bring a chair. In case of inclement weather bring an umbrella or rain gear. For information contact Lillian Thomas at (570) 434-2507 or Bessie Garrett at (570) 465-2547.

## Mountain View High School 3rd Marking Period Honor Roll

- Grade 7**  
 Megan Atkins, Paige Belcher, Elizabeth Black, Shannon Bellard, Rebekah Brown, Owen Flannery, Nathan Goodmanough, Sarah Hoste, Kerri Jamaglia, Lucas Jodon, Marshall Kupraska, Erin McHale, Caroline Miller, Laura Moser, James O'Brien, Bradley Pfligh, Jordan Roeste, Lee-Anne Sherman, Victoria Sterling, Caitlyn Tanc, Kelsey Twining, Katie Valentine, Stephanie Vitovsky, Tyler Walsh, Kyle Weus, Kari Lynn Zupanzovich
- Grade 8**  
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- Grade 9**  
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### It's That Time Again

To the residents of the Susquehanna Fire Dept Ambulance coverage area.

The annual Ambulance Fund Drive is underway. Every household in the coverage area should receive a donation request. The fund drive is very important to the operation of the Ambulance Service, as we do not receive any tax dollars to support the Ambulance Service. We rely on the fund drive donations and what money we receive from some insurance companies that are billed for ambulance service to finance the ambulance operations. As a reminder, the fund drive has replaced the old Ambulance Club Membership. When you contribute to the fund drive, you receive the same benefits as provided in the old membership club. It is more important this year than ever that the community support the ambulance fund drive, given the unprecedented cost increases in operating the ambulance. If you have not received a fund drive request, please contact the Susquehanna Fire Dept Ambulance, P.O. Box 175, Susquehanna, PA 18847 or call 853-3861.

Sincerely,  
Susquehanna Fire Dept. Ambulance

### Volunteers Needed

Habitat for Humanity of Susquehanna County is planning to build a new Habitat home in Montrose Borough. For the past several months, there has been Open Enrollment for applicants. The applications that have been received are being processed and will be presented to the Selection Committee for a final decision. The success of building a Habitat home depends upon volunteers working together with the Construction Supervisor, who will supervise the overall plan and must be experienced in new home construction. The selection process for Construction Supervisor has not been completed as yet. He or she needs to be at the site so that daily tasks can be completed. Excavation and concrete work would be completed before a supervisor would need to be on site. Further responsibilities include supervising the initial framing, including the roof which could require several days a week. Thereafter, a minimum of two days a week would be required at the site.

If anyone is interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact the Habitat office (278-4102).  
Board of Directors  
Habitat for Humanity  
of Susquehanna County

### Bountiful Blessings!

On the Wednesday before Easter, 600 meals were presented to individuals and families in Susquehanna County through the annual Bountiful Blessings program. Bountiful Blessings is a consortium of churches in Susquehanna County in cooperation with Interfaith and the Trehab Food Bank, organized to prepare a full dinner for individuals and families in need at Easter.

## Flood Planning Meeting May 7

Susquehanna County will bring closure to its flood mitigation planning process with one last public meeting, to be held Wednesday, May 7 in the Emergency Management Conference Room, located in the basement of the County Office Building, 31 Public Avenue, Montrose. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. Parking is available in the lot behind the building.

Last year, the county completed a similar planning process that identified all hazards that threatened the county and its boroughs and townships. This planning effort builds off that process, but focuses solely on flood-related hazards. Floods strike the county and its municipalities more than any other hazard, including severe winter storms and droughts, with 22 major flood events over the last 40 years. The flood mitigation plan currently being developed will serve as an annex to the county's all hazards multi-jurisdictional plan that was passed and adopted last year. While the all-hazards plan is required by Congress as a condition of receiving most forms of federal disaster assistance, the flood mitigation planning process is voluntary, but opens the possibility to applying for and receiving annually funded federal grants for projects or studies that reduce the impacts of flood events in the county.

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To assist the group supporting our soldiers, either with cash to help with the mailing costs, or to help in making the book bags, please contact: Eleanor Meyer 222-4631, or Cynthia Siebodinik 292-2899.

Sincerely,  
Eleanor Meyer  
Kingsley, PA

### The Big Picture

Pennsylvania made its choice for Democratic presidential candidate. Many good, liberal ideas for economic solutions were presented. However, the balance of issues important to the health and unity of American families were neglected in the absence of a Republican primary race, such as defense of the Marriage Amendment Act, Parental Notification Act and a desire to end abortion.

The public needs the media to help us be informed, to vote constructively.

Sincerely,  
John Mann  
Brandt, PA

## Susquehanna County Transcript

### Looking For Angels

The Susquehanna County Animal Response Team (C.A.R.T.) is developing and expanding, as we head towards our first anniversary. Recently, large and small animal committees have been formed. However, we are in need of several animal-related items. Both committees have a dream list and we are looking for some angels to help our dreams come true. We are asking for donations of either new, or used but in good condition items from the following partial list. Any of these items may be dropped off at the "Lucky Dog Pet Spa" located at 11 South Main Street in Montrose. As always, monetary donations in lieu of or in addition to the below listed items are always welcome. If writing out a check, the check must be made out to "PASART" (Pennsylvania State Animal Response Team), but Susquehanna County must be noted in the memo section of the check. All checks can then be mailed to PASART, 2605 Interstate Drive, Harrisburg, PA. 17110-9364.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about C.A.R.T. may attend our next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Susquehanna County Extension Office, 31 Public Avenue in Montrose or by calling 289-4402.

Following are some of the items on our Dream List: hand sanitizer; first aid kits for both humans and animals; dog and cat bowls; leashes and collars; crates, carriers and cages; ropes of various widths and lengths; halters - rope, nylon and adjustable; lead ropes; canvas and nylon tarps; blankets - horse and regular; safety flags; caution tape; orange triangles.

Sincerely,  
Mark R. Wood  
Susquehanna County EMA Coordinator

### Stop Flooding Fault

The time has come to set the American people straight on why food costs so much. America, please stop blaming the American farmer, the using "food for fuel line." It is old. That's exactly what "they" want you to think!

More than half of the dairy farmers in America in the last ten years have gone out of business. That farm land is growing up with houses. Or weeds.

The problem, if there is a food shortage, is not with "food for fuel," because the farmers are in the same boat as you. Their costs have gone up, the same as yours. For food and fuel. Seeds and fertilizer. Labor and tires, too!

The problem is not just in America, it is a worldwide food shortage. If we think we have it bad here, it makes me sick to think of the Third World countries' people who don't even have cars and have no food to eat.

This has been all brought on by someone other than the American "food for fuel" scheme. It's worldwide! It needs to end!

Our planting season is now upon us, here in the northeast, yet I bet that all of those fields you all drive by each day don't get planted again this season, because of the high costs involved.

The thinkers of our country better solve this problem before our planting season is past, while there are still a few farmers (I did not say dairy farmers) left who have the knowledge to plant the seeds.

Wheat is the one crop that pays the most, and of the nation that we can grow here. Rice is

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**Susquehanna County will bring closure to its flood mitigation planning process with one last public meeting, to be held Wednesday, May 7 in the Emergency Management Conference Room, located in the basement of the County Office Building. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm, and the County Office Building is located at 31 Public Avenue, Montrose. Parking is available in the lot behind the building.**

**Last year, the County completed a similar planning process that**

**identified all hazards that threatened the County and its boroughs and townships. This planning effort builds off that process but focuses solely on flooding. Floods strike the County and its municipalities more than any other hazard, including severe winter storms and droughts, with 22 major flood events over the last 40 years.**

**The flood mitigation plan currently being developed will serve as an annex to the County's all hazards multi-jurisdictional plan that was passed and adopted last year. While the all-hazards plan is required by Congress as a condition of receiving most forms of federal disaster assistance, the flood mitigation planning process is voluntary but opens the possibility to applying for and receiving annually funded federal grants for projects or studies that reduce the impacts of flood events in the County.**

**A second draft of the flood mitigation plan will be circulated via email to all municipalities on Monday, April 28 as well as posted to the Emergency Management section of the County's website. Comments are due back to Mark Wood, Susquehanna County Emergency Management Coordinator, by 4:00 pm Monday, May 5. All comments will be reviewed and incorporated as appropriate into final draft of the plan, which will be shared at the May 7 meeting and acted on by the Susquehanna County Commissioners at its next meeting, Wednesday, May??.**

**All members of the community are welcome to attend the meeting.**

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