

Integrating Hazard Mitigation and Comprehensive Planning Workshop

April 25, 2016 — DVRPC Conference Center

American College of Physicians Building – 190 North Independence Mall West – 8th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106 – www.dvrpc.org/directions



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- 9:30 Networking and coffee
- 10:00 Welcome – *Barry Seymour, Executive Director, DVRPC*
- 10:10 Participant Introductions – *DVRPC*
- 10:20 Ice Breaker/Tabletop Exercise – *Resilience Action Partners*
The full group will be broken into four assigned subgroups, mixing counties, states, OEM/HMP, and comprehensive planning staff to assure exchange of ideas. This will be followed by a facilitated and structured report out by each group, with the facilitator drawing observations that will be useful in underlining the relevance of the day.
- 11:00 FEMA Welcome / Expectations – *FEMA*
FEMA will frame the day as an opportunity for FEMA to learn how the HMP process and its integration into comprehensive planning works in practice, and listen to ideas on how it can be improved.
- 11:10 Integrating HMP and CP at the county level in the DVRPC region – *Resilience Action Partners*
A facilitated discussion to learn what counties in the room are doing related to integrating HMP and CP, with a focus on successes and acknowledgment of challenges.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30 Lunch speaker — *Stephen Marks, Municipal Manager, Hoboken, NJ*
Mr. Marks served as the Hudson County Planning Director where he led the development of the county's All Hazards Plan prior to serving as the administrator of Hoboken during Superstorm Sandy. He will discuss the impacts of Sandy, the successes and challenges Hoboken's efforts to integrate HMP into its planning, and offer his perspectives on how counties and municipalities can work together to advance hazard mitigation.
- 1:15 Facilitated discussion of how HMP process might be improved – *Resilience Action Partners*
DVRPC's one-on-one meetings with county staff elicited excellent ideas for changes to the hazard mitigation planning process. This session will raise and discuss some of those ideas.
- 2:00 FEMA presentation/discussion on *The HMP Planning Wheel* – *FEMA*
This presentation will talk about FEMA's recommendations for activities during each year of the 5-year HMP cycle. This discussion will touch on how to integrate the FEMA flood map production schedule into this cycle. The presentation will allow for comments and discussion.
- 2:30 Break
- 2:40 Spurring municipal activity beyond gates and buyouts – *Resilience Action Partners*
There is a great deal of interest at the county level in spurring municipal activity beyond installing gates and implementing buyouts, such as updating zoning and building standards. How might county planners and emergency management professionals best work with municipalities to make changes to their flood plain ordinances and (for example) street tree policies? What tools are needed? What roles can various organizations play?
- 3:30 Observations/comments from PEMA/NJ OEM – *DVRPC/Resilience Action Partners*
- 3:45 Next steps and actions – *DVRPC/Resilience Action Partners/FEMA*
- 4:00 Event ends. Participants invited to stay and network