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Evan J. Stone
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Bucks County Planning Commission
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Dear Mr. Stone:

The Amendment to the 2021 Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan, originally approved on October 4, 2021, is approved based on the letter from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), dated February 16, 2022, with supporting documentation from Bucks County Planning Commission (BCPC) and Warminster Township. The revision to the Bucks County Hazard Mitigation Plan is recorded as follows:

Goal 1: Reduce possibility of injury/death to County residents and reduce potential damage to existing community assets (including residential properties, critical facilities, and infrastructure) due to natural and human-made hazards.

Objective 1.A: Implement projects that protect properties, critical facilities, and infrastructure from hazards focusing on the 1 % annual chance floodplain.

- **Action 1.A.1:** Proceed with grant applications to suitably protect repetitive-loss properties 1 % annual chance floodplain (for owners interested in FEMA mitigation funding).
- **Action 1.A.3:** Continue identifying protection measures to operate businesses and protect residences. Proceed with grant applications for infrastructure that protects community from 1 % annual chance floodplain.
- **Action 1.A.4:** Evaluate, implement, and perform mitigation projects identified in this and other planning mechanisms, including acquisition, elevation, mitigation reconstruction, foundation and building stabilization, securing access to generator power and other mitigation methods.
- **Action 1.A.6:** Clean out all street drains, repair and/or replace culverts and drain grates.

Goal 4: Protect natural resources within hazard areas and use them to reduce risk and losses.

Objective 4.A: Implement natural resource planning and projects that assist in hazard mitigation.

- **Action 4.A.1:** Evaluate and implement projects to protect and improve natural environment along waterways with projects including preservation, conversation easements, and bank restoration.
- **Action 4.A.2:** Evaluate and implement projects to manage stormwater effectively.
- **Action 4.A.3:** Build on existing Stormwater Management Planning and encourage implantation of small stormwater mitigation projects on private property (i.e., rain gardens, rain barrels, natural basins).
- **Action 4.A.4:** Restore native plants and wetlands to the watershed to address flooding issues.

Please ensure that the amended Bucks County annex is made publicly available and captured as a part of the next Hazard Mitigation Plan update. If you have questions about the mitigation plan or mitigation grant funding, contact Ernie Szabo, State Hazard Mitigation Planner, at (717) 651-2159, or erszabo@pa.gov. I commend you for your dedication to reducing future disaster losses.

Sincerely,



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