

Dear (Township Supervisor, City/Village Manager),

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It is prudent for local communities to assess and identify major risks that may impact life and property and, where possible, take measures to mitigate those risks and lessen or eliminate the impact of major events if/when they occur.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is responsible for the federal Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Program <https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance> which may provide grant funds to assist local communities in hazard mitigation efforts. Funds are typically made available following a Presidential major disaster declaration. Hazard mitigation funding does come with a local cost share requirement, however thousands of communities across the nation have utilized HMA funds to elevate roads, move homes out of flood-prone areas, build structures to direct storm waters to safe areas, upgrade buildings and other infrastructure to a higher level of resistance to major natural disasters, implement tree-trimming initiatives to better protect overhead power and communication lines, etc.

HMA assistance is only available, however, to communities that have completed a Hazard Mitigation Plan which has been approved by FEMA.

My office is currently working on completing the Montcalm County Hazard Mitigation Plan (MCHMP) which, when completed, will identify and quantify the major risks faced by the citizens of Montcalm County. Included in the MCHMP will be a prioritized list of hazard mitigation projects and measures that local government officials have identified. Should HMA funds become available, then, my office may contact your jurisdiction to notify you of the availability of those funds and assist you in applying for HMA funds should you wish to proceed with your project(s) at that time.

Included with this letter is a questionnaire on which you may identify and "flesh out" any projects or measures you feel would make your community more disaster resistant. It is not necessary to spend a great deal of time on this questionnaire. The important thing is to identify the project and provide an educated (or at least best guess) estimate of the steps and costs necessary to complete the project.

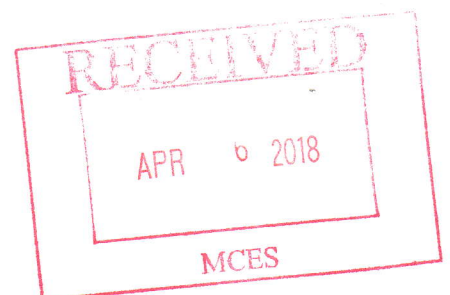
Your participation is completely voluntary. I will include in the MCHMP the information that is provided to me and if/when HMA funds become available I will notify the jurisdictions that have projects and other protective measures listed in the MCHMP.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



David D. Feldpausch
Emergency Services Director



Hazard Mitigation Project Questionnaire:

Pine Township, Montcalm County

1. Improved Road Access to Residential Homes for Fire Service. Especially around Lakes. (Spring, Hunter, Rainbow)
2. Reforestration addressed in State Land to reduce disaster caused by High Winds or Tornado.
3. Removal of Dead or Decaying Trees along Roads.

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Please complete and return this questionnaire by March 30, 2018.

Township, Village, or City: EUREKA CHARTER

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<http://www.montcalm.us/Hazard%20Mitigation%20Plan%20Draft.pdf>

What projects or measures do you believe your jurisdiction could/should take in order to lessen or eliminate major risks in and to your community? Feel free to use additional pages if you wish. Feel free to include contact information in case we need further information or followup.

DISASTER PLAN AREA WIDE CITY + TOWNSHIP

EVACUATION PLAN

LOCATION OF DISASTER SHELTER IN AREA

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GENERATOR FOR DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP HALL

- TO PROVIDE FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING AND WATER
IN CASE OF POWER OUTAGE.

SIREN - FOR TORNADO WARNINGS - FOR DOUGLASS
TOWNSHIP HALL TO WARN COMMUNITY.

AID IN CLEAN-UP FOR DISASTERS CAUSED
BY STORM DAMAGE, WIND DAMAGE,
FLOODING AND OR TORNADOS.

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Township, Village, or City: Evergreen

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Possible drills amongst board
members, with situations & how to
handle phone calls from residents.
Also on how to handle in person
requests for assistance.

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Montcalm Township Fire Department

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Greenville, MI 48838
(616) 754-1780
Clifton E. Dickinson, Chief*



April 11, 2018

Jerry W. McCoy
Emergency Management
County of Montcalm
100 W. Main Street
Stanton, MI 48888

Mr., McCoy,

As requested during your presentation at the Montcalm County Fire Association Chief's meeting on Wednesday, April 4th, 2018, please consider adding the following solutions to identifiable hazards in, and around, Montcalm Township:

1. Installing an outdoor warning siren, at or near the Montcalm County 4-H Fairgrounds on Peck Road. As you are aware, this is one (1) of the largest outdoor public gathering facilities in the county other than an athletic stadium or racetrack.
2. Developing or building an emergency shelter at or near the Montcalm County 4-H Fairgrounds large enough to house attendees of a fairground event in case of inclement weather.
3. Providing building materials to augment existing structures or build additional structures to house various types of animals during a natural weather incident. There currently is not a shelter in or around Montcalm County to house and care for the displaced livestock or family pets of displaced owners during a disaster. This facility would aid in the safety of animals as well as the public thus reducing lives lost, emotional heartbreak, and economical setbacks.
4. Install dry hydrants in critical locations in and around Montcalm Township to help reduce lives lost and property loss and damage. We have identified various locations including, but not limited to:
 - a. Near 6162 W. Fuller Road
 - b. N. Hillan Road and W. Dickerson Lake Road
 - c. Wise Road west of S. Greenville Road at the river
 - d. Perch Lake – Holiday Drive near Mallard Drive (Private Access)
 - e. W. Stanton Road at Clifford Lake Drive
 - f. W. Dickerson Lake Road west of S. Greenville Road
5. Consider installing a water line from Stafford Drive and Vining Road (Eureka Township) north of the Industrial Complex at Peck Road to provide emergency water service to numerous commercial properties including a auto parts plastics warehouse.