

STATE OF DELAWARE
HAZARD MITIGATION COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
July 19, 2018

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND MEETING OVERVIEW

Arthur D. Paul, opened the meeting by welcoming attendees to the State Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and thanking them for attending. Art asked attendees to introduce themselves and their areas of responsibility. A.J Schall, Director of the Delaware Emergency Management Agency welcomed attendees. The Director detailed, the plan approval, Secretary Coupe signed off on the adoption letter yesterday and it will be going to the Governor's office tomorrow for the Governor to sign. He thanked all of our partners who helped out with the competition of the plan, stressing it was a huge undertaking for the state and also thanked Art Paul and the entire team at DEMA for a job well done. The Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation and the Flood Mitigation Assistance grant programs will be coming out in August. We had a NFIP Roundtable with Mike and Greg on ways to get projects headed, especially in Sussex County on the shoreline, and to make sure we spend every dollar we can.

Art Paul started with an overview of the meeting and proceeded with the first agenda item.

REVIEW OF HAZARD MITIGATION PROGRAMS

- Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program - This program is managed by Mike Powell, DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship. There were no ongoing projects to report at this time however Mike discussed how last year FEMA's priority in funding FMA projects was for community based projects.
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - Damaris Slawik, Hazard Mitigation Project Officer reported on the current projects, PowerPoint presentation attached,:
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program - see attached ppt. presentation

DELAWARE MITIGATION PLANNING

State All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Update – Art Paul briefed, we followed FEMA CPG Guide 101, which list steps in the planning process. We used this in our timeline. The first step was to developed sub-teams. We had Natural Hazards, Public Safety and Public Health, which we combined, and Coordination and Review teams. The second step was understanding the situation. We went through and identified which hazards would most likely impact the state. This was a heavy lift for the Natural Hazard Team, which did surveys and then identified our top ten hazards to focus on. The next step was to determine the goals and objectives. We went through the Mitigation Actions Section and created another sub-team, Mitigation Action and Strategy Sub-Team. The team reviewed and consolidated the Mitigation Actions and Goals. One of the biggest changes to the plan was the need to consider future conditions. Art recognized Jennifer DeMooy as an invaluable asset to the Natural Hazards Team because of her contributions in weaving those considerations into all of the hazards.

State Plan Path Forward – Art Paul briefed, the Sub-Teams are our best path forward. He would like to have the Mitigation Strategy and Actions group to meet once a quarter. Stating, the update process needs to be an ongoing process.

Local Plan Updates – Art Paul stated that the New Castle County Mitigation Plan expires in November 2020 and the Kent County Mitigation Plan expires in June of 2020. We have started working with the counties and have a call at 1:00 today to discuss path forward.

ADJOURN

The July 19, 2018 Hazard Mitigation Council meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.