The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Disaster Recovery Impacted Jurisdictions met on Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom Video Conference (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86019883233).

I. Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Schweikhart welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

II. Additional Funding Opportunities

- EDA American Rescue Plan

Ms. Schweikhart provided information on the Department of Commerce EDA American Rescue Plan funding opportunity. Ms. Schweikhart and Mr. Metz have been working with many jurisdictions with their application. The funding is $3 billion and a significant amount of funding is not directly related to the tornados but they will
consider disaster impact as another connection point for any applications coming in from tornado impacted communities. The funding can be used for traditional EDA type programs and can only go to governments, public organizations, and non-profits who are working in partnership with government or public organizations. The program is called the Economic Adjustment Assistance Program and is considered infrastructure funding. Ms. Schweikhart opened the floor for questions.

- **FEMA Hazard Mitigations Assistance Grant Program**

  Mr. Metz introduced Mr. Steve Ferryman, the Mitigation Branch Chief at Ohio EMA. Mr. Ferryman provided information on the FEMA Hazard Mitigations Assistance Grant Program. Mr. Ferryman’s office is responsible for the Mitigation Planning Program and the Mitigation Grant Program in the state. The programs have to be updated every 5 years. In order to be eligible to apply for the grant you have to have a FEMA approved plan. The Montgomery, Miami and Greene County plans were recently updated and contains a list of projects that the counties and the jurisdictions identified at the time as priority mitigation projects. Mr. Ferryman shared the website to view the Local Hazard Mitigation Plans. He also discussed the three Hazard Mitigations Assistance grant programs, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and, Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant (FMA). Mr. Ferryman shared the website to view more information about each program and provided the website to view the application timeline for the BRIC and FMA. Mr. Ferryman also discussed the Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program.

  Mr. Metz thanked Mr. Ferryman for providing information and then opened the floor for questions. Mr. Jordan with Montgomery County EMA thanked Mr. Ferryman and reiterated that the projects have to be listed in the County Mitigation Plan. If the projects are not listed they will work the jurisdictions to get them added. Mr. Reed from the Ohio EMA Southwest Region asked if the BRIC percentage match changed. Mr. Ferryman stated the match is 75% federal and 25% non-federal, however during the application process; the application gets additional points if the applicant provides a 30% match.

### III. RETREET

Mr. McGahan introduced Mr. Jerome Delbridge from Tree Centric Solutions who has been conducting the tree risk assessments in the field. Mr. Delbridge thanked Mr. McGahan for the introduction and provided an update on the tree risk assessments. Mr. Delbridge is a certified arborist and is qualified in tree risk assessment management. There are 198 addresses that have requested to receive trees to be planted on their property and so far Mr. Delbridge has visited 98 of those properties. He looks at all trees that have a high likelihood of impacting dwellings or active outdoor spaces such as sidewalks and streets. The total estimated mitigation cost is $85,790.

Mr. McGahan thanked Mr. Delbridge for his update. He explained Mr. Delbridge has been asked to do the tree risk assessments at each property so RETREET can get a scope of the work that needs to be done. With the estimate Mr. Delbridge provides, RETREET will take those projects out to bid and find local partners to do this work around the cost they are expecting. Mr. McGahan then opened the floor for questions. Mr. Stroud asked Mr. Delbridge about the role of potential disease assessment for the trees play into the risk assessment of tree removal. Mr. Delbridge stated he was only looking at trees impacted by the tornado. He did see several ash
trees that were impacted by insects standing dead when the tornados came through. They pose a significant risk because they were further damaged by the tornados. Ms. Godsey asked if Harrison Township has a copy of the list so they can see if there are potential areas where people have not asked for assistance. Ms. Schweikhart stated at one point that list was shared and Mr. Metz can get that list over to them again. Ms. Schweikhart also stated if the jurisdictions know people who still need tree debris removal assistance they can go to the RETREET website and fill out the intake form. Mr. Hankins explained the importance of the jurisdictions talking to their communities about the danger of leaving the destroyed trees standing.

Mr. McGahan explained how the delta variant could impact the timeline of planting events for the RETREET program. The Trotwood tree planting event has been canceled for September 25th. He suggested that they break up the large planting events into smaller events with less people. Mr. McGahan opened the floor for questions and comments. Ms. Wiggins asked Ms. Schweikhart if they could use the Mitigation Grant funding to plant trees. Ms. Schweikhart mentioned Mr. Metz will look into that for her. Mr. Hankins stated he agrees with Mr. McGahan and believes the safety of the citizens during the delta surge is a high priority and understands the large planting events should be cancelled.

IV. Resiliency Planning

Mr. Metz provided information on the Resiliency Plan. He defined the Resiliency Plan as a voluntary cooperative plan that assess and provides recommendations for a range of different security and resiliency issues that could have regional impacts caused by disasters. This includes but isn’t limited to utilities, alternative transportation, airports, levees, roadways. Mr. Metz also stated that during this process they will follow the same guidelines as FEMA and their national disaster recovery framework. The project will be a multi-year effort, involve public engagement, solicitation from our region’s EMA county directors, the Disaster Recovery Leadership Board and a variety of other partners. In addition to the Resiliency Plan they will also work to develop a “COAD” which is a Community Organization Active in Disaster. They will begin the Resiliency Plan later this fall. Mr. Metz opened the floor for questions.

V. Individual Recovery Update

Mr. Metz shared an update on the 2019 Tornado Recovery Dashboard; the recovery rate is at 94% with 1,959 closed cases and 107 open cases. Mr. Metz introduced Mr. Paul Nelson to share an update on the Miami Valley Long Term Operations Group. Mr. Nelson is the Construction Coordinator for the Repair and Rebuild Committee. Mr. Nelson presented on restarting a local COAD, the individual recovery wrap up celebration, Disaster Case Management Update, Repair and Rebuild, and Pathway to Homeownership. Mr. Nelson opened the floor to questions.

VI. Impacted Jurisdictions & Other Partner Updates

Mr. Metz shared an update from Mr. Downing in Trotwood regarding the new homes in Trotwood.
VII. Other Updates

None

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Metz thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting.
The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.