

**MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
DISASTER RECOVERY IMPACTED JURISDICTIONS MEETING  
SUMMARY**

**VIA Zoom Conference/Video Call  
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83295811752>)**

**February 10, 2022  
9:30 AM**

**Attendees Present**

Laura Adcock, Ohio Emergency Management Agency  
Susie Crabill, Montgomery County Land Bank  
Emily Crow, Harrison Township  
Matt Currie, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc.  
Andy Davis, FEMA Region 5  
Jerome Delbridge, Tree-Centric Solutions  
Chad Downing, City of Trotwood CIC  
Georgeann Godsey, Harrison Township  
Rap Hankins, City of Trotwood  
Sarah Hippensteel-Hall, Miami Conservancy District  
Jessica Jenkins, Homeless Solutions  
Sonja Keaton, City of Brookville  
Mary Kucenski, FEMA IRC  
Timothy Little, FEMA  
Erika Mattingly, Montgomery County  
Grady McGahan, RETREET  
John McManus, Montgomery County Treasurer  
Chris Pion, Five Rivers MetroParks  
PS Clayton- OEMA  
Woody Stroud, Greene County Transit  
Missy Mae Walters, Montgomery County  
Jennifer Wentzel, Dayton-Montgomery Public Health  
Holly Wiggins, AES-Ohio  
Steven Wolfe, Rep. Tom Young's Office  
Alex Zaharieff, Beavercreek Township

**MVRPC Staff Present**

Elizabeth Baxter  
Savannah Diamond  
Stacy Schweikhart

**The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Disaster Recovery Impacted Jurisdictions met on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom Video Conference (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83295811752>).**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Ms. Schweikhart welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. She introduced Elizabeth Baxter as the new Disaster Recovery Manager for MVRPC who will be taking over as the primary point of contact for the Disaster Recovery work.

## **II. Community Recovery Updates**

Ms. Schweikhart provided an update regarding community recovery. She reviewed the outstanding needs of the jurisdictions to fully recover and become resilient to move forward from the disaster. As a result of those needs a Community Recovery fund was established from The Dayton Foundation's Greater Dayton Disaster Relief Fund. Applications for the first round of funding were due February 1, 2022 and there was significant interest in the opportunity. The Ad Hoc committee will meet to review applications and make funding recommendations to the Leadership Board on March 4, 2022. Ms. Schweikhart advised approved applications will be funded directly through The Dayton Foundation.

Ms. Schweikhart provided an update on the CEDS plan. The 30 day public comment period was completed February 4, 2022 with minor adjustments made to the plan based on public feedback. The plan will cover 13 counties and make additional EDA funding available. The EDA would like applications for infrastructure projects which promote economic development submitted no later than February 28, 2022 for first consideration.

## **III. No Progress Properties Discussion**

Mr. McManus offered discussion on "No Progress Properties" and the opportunities a jurisdiction can take advantage of to move the properties forward. He introduced staff which leads the effort of working with tax delinquent properties. The Montgomery County Board of Revisions has resumed expedited foreclosure which will allow a faster option to transfer property to a local municipality. There is a new criterion for the expedited foreclosure process with the first being the property must be "under water" to move through the process. Mr. McManus provided contact information of the staff which will assist the jurisdictions if interested in participating in the expedited process.

The judicial foreclosure process was reviewed which will allow a transfer of property to the municipality without the property being "under water". A final option which was discussed was the depositor foreclosure which is available to citizens of a community. This is a program will allow any resident to move a property into the judicial foreclosure process without the property being vacant to assist with the recovery of a neighborhood.

Ms. Crabill discussed options for how a community could resolve nuisance properties through demolition. She advised the Montgomery County Land Bank is the lead entity for the demolition program housed at the Ohio Department of Development. The Land Bank submitted a list of properties requesting funding for demo throughout the county.

Ms. Schweikhart reminded the jurisdictions there are two contracts being held with The Dayton Foundation to assist individuals impacted by the tornado with recovery efforts. Catholic Social Services has agreed to assist with the case management for those still needing financial assistance and Habitat for Humanity to provide repair and rebuild work to impacted properties.

#### **IV. FEMA BRIC Funding Opportunity**

Ms. Kucenski provided information regarding the FEMA BRIC funding Opportunity. She introduced two of her colleagues from FEMA Region 5 Timothy Little and Andy Davis which will be the region's primary points of contact for mitigation funding and planning efforts. Mr. Davis discussed the different funding programs which were available through FEMA and provided helpful links to the Ohio EMA resources. (Resources are placed on the Disaster Recovery Impacted Jurisdiction webpage for reference. <https://www.mvrpc.org/regional-initiatives/long-term-disaster-recovery/impacted-jurisdictions-coordination-meetings>)

An overview was provided for the Hazard Mitigation Assistance program. Applications for this program are accepted through the State of Ohio EMA in partnership with FEMA. A community must also have a current Local Hazard Mitigation plan on file with the state to be eligible for funding.

Mr. Davis presented a high level overview of the Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) which is a tool used to determine if a project is cost effective for some FEMA programs.

#### **V. RETREET/ Tree Debris Removal Update**

Mr. McGahan provided an update on RETREET and tree debris removal. The Keep America Beautiful RETREET program received 215 requests for tree removal. Of those requests 88 properties qualified for the assistance based on the program eligibility. Work was divided into multiple bid packets to clean up trees throughout the impacted jurisdictions. All tree debris removal is expected to be complete by the first planting event on April 30, 2022.

Mr. McGahan shared information related to the upcoming planting. They received 281 total requests. It is estimated there will be two total planting days, one in spring focusing on the west side of the region with the additional day held in the fall for the remaining requests.

Mr. McGahan also noted Keep America Beautiful is currently in the process of hiring a full time program manager to activate RETREET events throughout the county. It is expected this person will be hired by the spring planting. There will also be a trailer housed at the Keep Montgomery County affiliate to provide tree planting support throughout the next few years.

#### **VI. Other Updates**

No other updates were provided at this time.

#### **VII. Adjourn**

Ms. Schweikhart thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.**