

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

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

**May 12, 2022  
9:30 AM**

**Attendees Present**

Laura Adcock, Ohio Emergency Management Agency  
Susie Crabill, Montgomery County Land Bank  
Chad Downey, Trotwood CIC  
Rap Hankins, City of Trotwood  
Jeanne Holihan, The Dayton Foundation  
Gregory Howard, U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Justin Hunter, St. Vincent DePaul Dayton  
Jeri Irby, RETREET  
Stephanie Kellum, City of Trotwood  
Tim Little, FEMA  
Grady McGahan, RETREET  
Sam Reed, Ohio EMA  
Carrie Scarff, Five Rivers MetroPark  
Michelle Simons, City of Dayton  
Mike Thonnerieux, City of Beavercreek  
Mathew Tyler, Dayton & Montgomery County Public Health  
Holly Wiggins, AES Ohio

**MVRPC Staff Present**

Elizabeth Baxter  
Stacy Schweikhart

**The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Disaster Recovery Impacted Jurisdictions met on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom Video Conference (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83295811752>).**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Ms. Baxter welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. She reintroduced herself as the Manager of Disaster Recovery and Economic Development Planning and will be the point of contact moving forward.

Ms. Baxter invited Laura Adcock with the Ohio EMA to briefly talk about a statewide housing report which is being conducted. Ms. Adcock discussed a Housing and Homelessness Task Force which was established during the pandemic. As a result of this committee's work, housing and homelessness issues across the state were identified as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Adcock shared the Task Force will be further studying these issues and will be hosting a series of discussions to identify opportunities for the state to understand housing, find gaps and identify best practices. The information was shared with Ms. Baxter and it will be sent to this committee.

## **II. Community Recovery Proposals**

Ms. Baxter provided an update about the community recovery proposal process and reviewed proposals received for the current round. Five total proposals were received and reviewed by the Disaster Recovery Leadership Ad Hoc Review Committee. Two projects were advanced for full board consideration, The City of Beavercreek Park Restoration and Harrison Township Community Park project. The board will meet June 3, 2022 to vote for approval.

Ms. Baxter introduced Carrie Scarff with Five Rivers MetroPark to discuss their project which received funding through this process. Ms. Scarff reviewed the project in detail. Five Rivers MetroPark and the City of Dayton proposed to acquire and demolish the Foxton Court apartments which were destroyed from the 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes.

## **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. RERTEET Update**

Ms. Baxter thanked the City of Brookville for helping MVRPC secure a staging site and providing staff assistance for the April 30<sup>th</sup> RETREET planting event. Ms. Baxter also thanked the, City of Clayton, City of Trotwood, and Keep Montgomery County Beautiful for their assistance in preparing for the event.

Mr. McGahan provided an update on the RETREET planting event on April 30<sup>th</sup>. He stated they had 81 volunteers and planted 153 trees at 76 homes across the western edge of the impacted area. Mr. McGahan introduced Ms. Jerí Irby as the new program manager for RETREET and stated she will be following up with the trees planted in the region. The Keep Montgomery County Beautiful trailer is now set up and will stay in Dayton to store items for upcoming plantings. Since the April 30<sup>th</sup> event, they've received more planting requests from the community, due to the media coverage for the plantings including an article from [FOX Weather](#) and the [American Meteorological Society](#) conference.

Mr. McGahan then shared the next planting will take place in Trotwood in October along with debris removal towards the eastern edge of the impacted area including properties in Old North Dayton.

Lastly, Mr. McGahan shared [RETREET's Facebook link](#) with pictures from the April planting event.

Ms. Baxter thanked Mr. McGahan for the update and asked members if they have a location for the next staging site to please email her at [ebaxter@mvrpc.org](mailto:ebaxter@mvrpc.org).

## **V. National Disaster Recovery Framework**

Ms. Baxter introduced Mr. Tim Little, the Regional CPCB Coordinator with FEMA Region 5 to discuss FEMA's National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF). Ms. Baxter explained this framework model will be used for the region's disaster recovery response.

Mr. Little presented: [Planning for Resilience w/ Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning](#). He explained that most of FEMA's guidance comes from the [National Disaster Recovery Framework \(NDRF\) handbook](#) and mentioned that FEMA is currently revising this document along with adding input from multiple [listening sessions](#) of participants that shared their experience using the Framework model. The NDRF serves as a roadmap for communities to conduct planning efforts before and after a disaster, and guidance to help recovery managers coordinate efforts in a unified and collaborative manner. The NDRF also provides context for how the whole community works together to restore, redevelop, and revitalize the community following a disaster. Mr. Little then shared information about the NDRF's guiding principles, factors of a successful recovery, the six recovery support functions (RSFs), and the coordinating and supporting agencies.

Mr. Little also discussed the benefits of pre-disaster recovery planning and stated how it allows the opportunity for involved discussion, partnership development, and assuring that a city's county's or region's different plans work together. It can reduce confusion speed organization, and promote better decision making. He then shared information about the [Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning Guide for Local Governments](#) and stated it outlines techniques directed towards so that they can recover from disasters while engaging the whole community and smoothly transition into long-term recovery. He shared examples of other governments' disaster recovery plans including the City of Seattle's Disaster Recovery Framework.

Lastly, Mr. Little shared the Miami Valley Long Term Disaster Recovery structure and was pleased to see how most of the structure has already been established.

Ms. Baxter thanked Mr. Little for his presentation. She then stated what we want to start thinking about is what the plan looks like for disasters that could occur, not just natural disasters, but any federally declared disaster. For example, as a Region we went through the Oregon District Shooting, the Memorial Day Tornadoes and the Covid-19 Pandemic all within a short time span. We want to make sure we are prepared for anything.

Ms. Baxter opened the floor for questions and discussed [FEMA Community Lifelines](#).

## **VI. Resiliency Planning**

Ms. Baxter invited the group to share their ideas on what should be included in the Resiliency Plan, and asked the following: What does resiliency look like for the Miami Valley Region? What are the region's hazards and threats? What worked and didn't work with the recovery on the tornadoes? Who did you wish could've been included at the table?

Mr. Reed suggested those in creation of the Miami Valley Resiliency Planning to attend an Ohio EMA Emergency Management training course about recovery to better understand local governments responsibility to communities during recovery.

Mr. Thonnerieux stated one thing they found really beneficial were the partnerships between the various communities and organizations. Having those preplaced agreements between each jurisdiction and the private sector would be helpful and save time.

Ms. Kellum stated that one thing the disaster recovery did not have in place until later was volunteer coordination. Sinclair did an amazing job once they started, but if we could have that volunteer coordination sooner would be very helpful. Ms. Kellum also stated pre-establishing the approved debris removal process with the EPA would be helpful.

Mr. Hankins stated that a county wide emergency weather alert system could be helpful to reach more citizens and could also be used after the disaster to provide information on who to call for assistance.

Mr. Howard stated using the Community Lifelines, identifying what is critical infrastructure and working towards prioritization.

Ms. Kellum mentioned that a few of their citizens were victims of fraud after the tornadoes and said it would be helpful to have an approved list of contactors and vendors who are verified.

The next meeting in August will be an in person regional workshop to gather information to develop a six-county pre-disaster recovery plan.

## **VII. Other Comments/Updates**

None

## **VIII. Adjourn**

Ms. Baxter adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.