



Fairfield County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

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Fairfield County EMA announces FEMA approval of Mitigation Plan

Lancaster, Ohio, March 9th, 2018. The Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency received confirmation the 2018 Fairfield County Mitigation Plan was approved by FEMA. The plan was reviewed based on the local plan criteria contained in 44 CFR Part 201, as authorized by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. The Fairfield County plan met the required criteria for a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan and is now approved for Fairfield County.

In a letter dated March 5, 2018, from Melissa Janssen, Chief, Risk Analysis Branch, Mitigation Division, of FEMA, Ms. Janssen stated:

“The approval of this plan ensures continued availability of the full complement of Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) Grants. All requests for funding, however, will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted.

We encourage the participating jurisdictions to work with Fairfield County to follow the plan’s schedule for monitoring and updating the plan, and continue their efforts to implement the mitigation measures. The expiration date of the Fairfield County Hazard Mitigation Plan is January 15, 2023. In order to continue project grant eligibility, the plan must be reviewed, revised as appropriate, resubmitted and approved no later than the expiration date.”

This approval was in coordination with several Fairfield County Elected Officials, Cities, Villages and Townships. This plan would not have been completed without these jurisdictions and the many “action plans” to reduce or eliminate risk from disasters.

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Mission

To establish, coordinate and sustain partnerships throughout Fairfield County, united in efforts to prepare for emergencies and to minimize loss of life and property and help the community to return to normalcy when they occur.