

Section 1 Action Plan Report 2018

Table 6.2 Goals and Objectives	
Goal 1	Attempt to reduce the current and future risk of damage from natural occurring and human caused hazards in Clarion County
Objective 1.1	All jurisdictions will attempt to reduce the current and future risk of damage in Clarion County by directing new development away from hazardous areas, by review existing regulations to ensure adequacy in reducing the amount of future development in identified hazardous areas and maintaining compliances with Commonwealth and Federal regulations.
	Action 1.1.1: Municipal officials will identify hazardous areas within their municipality and review regulations pertaining to their jurisdiction to ensure that adequate regulations are in place to reduce future development in hazardous areas in their jurisdiction.
	Action 1.1.2: Maintain repetitive loss information from PA DCED to use for mitigation projects.
	Action 1.1.3: Municipalities will be compliant with NFIP and maintain compliance.
	Action 1.1.4: All jurisdictions will collect data on all future incidents to help determine the impact of hazards on each jurisdiction and for use in updating plans.
2018 Actions	Actions were reviewed, repetitive loss structure list maintained, all municipalities are compliant with NFIP and all appropriate incidents were entered the data base.
Objective 1.2	Review all comprehensive plans to ensure that designated growth areas are not in hazard areas.
	Action 1.2.1: Planning Department and applicable municipal officials to review their comprehensive plans to ensure that designated growth areas are not in hazardous areas.
2018 Actions	Plans were reviewed for this action.
Objective 1.3	Review and enforcement of the building codes.
	Action 1.3.1: Municipal officials or their third-party inspectors will review the statewide Uniform Construction Code to ensure the enforcement of these codes as a minimum standard.
2018 Actions	All Thirty-four municipalities have a codes enforcement officer or have a company to enforce building codes
Objective 1.4	Review all capital improvement plans to ensure that infrastructure improvements are not directed towards hazardous areas.
	Action 1.4.1: Municipal officials will review their capital improvement plans to ensure that programmed infrastructure improvements are not in hazardous areas.
2018 Actions	Plans were reviewed for this action. Clarion County will not approve Community Development Block Grant projects if they are in a high hazard area.
Objective 1.5	Evaluate and update existing floodplain ordinances to meet or exceed the NFIP standards.
	Action 1.5.1: Applicable municipalities will review and update their floodplain ordinances to be sure that they are in full compliance with the NFIP, as required (see Appendix O).
2018 Actions	The 30 municipalities required to have adopted ordinances have filed them with the Clarion County Department of Planning and Development. Four municipalities do not have flood plains.
Objective 1.6	Improve the enforcement of existing floodplain regulations.
	Action 1.6.1: Clarion County EMA to arrange with PEMA/FEMA/DCED to hold training sessions (upon request) with the County and the municipalities on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements.

	Action 1.6.2: Municipalities will encourage residents living in or wanting to build in the flood plain to acquire a map from Clarion County Assessment Department.
2018 Actions	Will continue to work with PEMA/FEMA/DCED to hold training session(s)
Objective 1.7	Municipalities to become part of the Community Rating System (CRS).
	Action 1.7.1: County EMA to arrange with PEMA/FEMA/DCED to conduct training on the Community Rating System (CRS) to municipalities.
2018 Actions	Will continue to work with PEMA/FEMA/DCED to hold training session(s)
Objective 1.8	Evaluate existing shelters to determine adequacy for current and future populations.
	Action 1.8.1: County to work with the American Red Cross to ensure that all shelters within Clarion County meet shelter requirements.
	Action 1.8.2: CART team will maintain adequate emergency shelter and evacuation plans for animals (domestic pets and livestock).
2018 Actions	Red Cross is maintaining up to date information on all shelter sites. There are two agencies in Clarion County that have adequate emergency shelters for small animals. Clarion County will request assistance from adjacent counties when required.
Objective 1.9	All jurisdictions, agencies and businesses should ensure safety of their computer systems:
	Action 1.9.1: Maintain security updates, software and antivirus on all computer systems and servers
	Action 1.9.2: Ensure all computers are only used on secured systems
	Action 1.9.3: Develop policy for backing up all data
	Action 1.9.4: Maintain copy of backup data off site
	Action 1.9.5: Keep Network Firewall in place and current configuration
	Action 1.9.6: Keep all network switches and wireless networks secured and current configuration
	Action 1.9.7: Report all incidents to Clarion County EMA.
2018 Actions	Cyber Plan was developed and distributed to municipalities and schools.
Objective 1.10	Standardize dam incident emergency classification terminology used for incidents:
	Action 1.10.1: Standardize terminology, currently there are three different sets of terms for dam incidents in Clarion County. Using different terminology makes it difficult for first responders and when notifying the public.
	Action 1.10.2: Federal and Commonwealth agencies should work on trying to standardize dam incident terminology.
2018 Actions	Work with PEMA to resolve this issue.
Objective 1.11	All jurisdictions to identify orphaned/abandoned oil or gas wells and open mine shafts.
	Action 1.11.1: All jurisdictions to work with DEP and county residents to identify open mine shafts and orphaned/abandoned wells.
	Action 1.11.2: County and DEP to provide press releases requesting residents to report open mine shafts and orphaned/abandoned oil or gas wells to DEP. Also request residents and/or agencies that have old maps showing deep mines or oil/gas wells to provide information to DEP.
2018 Actions	Will continue to work with DEP to accomplish these tasks. Two wells plugged in 2018
GOAL #2	Reduce the potential impact of natural occurring or human caused disasters on public and private property.
Objective 2.1	Municipalities will participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and encourage property owners to purchase flood insurance.

	Action 2.1.1: County Planning and DCED to conduct outreach efforts to educate municipalities about the NFIP and its requirements.
	Action 2.1.2: County to obtain updated information on the number of NFIP policyholders in Clarion County and its municipalities from PEMA and FEMA.
2018 Actions	Will continue to work with PEMA/FEMA/DCED to hold outreach session(s) County maintains updated information on the number of NFIP policyholders in Clarion County. This information is obtained from PEMA and FEMA.
Objective 2.2	Protect Clarion County's most vulnerable populations, buildings and critical facilities through the implementation of cost-effective and technically feasible mitigation projects.
	Action 2.2.1: EMA to work with municipalities and the GIS Department to maintain information on the number, location and assessed value of all repetitive loss properties and structures within the 100-year floodplain throughout the County to plan future mitigation activities.
	Action 2.2.2: When funds become available for hazard mitigation projects, the municipalities will hold public meeting with the owners of repetitive loss properties in high risk areas. These meetings will also be used to identify high-risk properties in the County and to determine potential participation in future acquisition and relocation projects.
	Action 2.2.3: Identify county residents with special needs.
2018 Actions	We have all repetitive loss properties identified and assessed. No residents/businesses have shown interested in acquisition. Municipalities are working on identifying residents with special needs.
GOAL #3	Improve upon the protection of the citizens of Clarion County from all-natural occurring and human caused hazards.
Objective 3.1	Ensure adequate training and resources for emergency organizations and personnel.
	Action 3.1.1: Clarion County CERT Trainers to teach Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) classes to interested citizens in Clarion County to assist first responders at specified emergencies throughout the County, as requested.
	Action 3.1.2: Clarion Fire departments, EMS agencies and the Human Service agencies to increase the number of trained responders by meeting with groups of potential volunteers to attempt to increase the number of trained responders for all County Fire Departments, Emergency Medical Services, Human Service agencies, etc. All areas of Clarion County will benefit.
	Action 3.1.3: EMA to conduct tabletop exercises with local fire, EMS, law enforcement, emergency managers, county and local officials, etc. and other response agencies. Type of exercises may include: Weather, Hazardous Materials Spill, etc.
	Action 3.1.4: EMA to provide information about local, regional, Commonwealth, and federal training opportunities to fire departments, law enforcement agencies, EMS companies, and other emergency responders. Training opportunities that are available will be emailed and post on Clarion County DPS website for all local emergency responders. Training should include preparedness to respond to natural occurring, human caused and technological hazards.
	Action 3.1.5: Continue to conduct National Weather Service Storm Spotter classes (Basics and Advanced) by partnering with the National Weather Service to provide training to people throughout Clarion County.
	Action 3.1.6: Clarion County fire, EMS, law enforcement, municipalities, schools, health care and public works agencies to increase the number of responders

	trained in the National Incident Management System and identify individual responders that need to be trained in Incident Management courses including ICS 100, 200, 300, and 700.
	Action 3.1.7: Municipal officials will ensure adequate training for emergency services (EMA, EMS, Fire and Law enforcement). This includes officers and other personnel.
	Action 3.1.8: Regular training to keep users current on Cyber threats and proper computer safety.
	Action 3.1.9: Ensure the DCORT (Disaster/Crisis Outreach and Referral Team) and CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) teams have adequate trained staff for large scale events. Provide initial and annual training programs.
	Action 3.1.10: Work with Clarion Hospital, Clarion County Schools, Clarion Career Center and Clarion University to establish EMT and Paramedic training programs in the County. Encourage residents to participant in these programs.
2018 Actions	<p>No request for CERT classes this year.</p> <p>County public safety agencies are actively seeking volunteers.</p> <p>Clarion County DPS in cooperation with Butler Community College and their preferred partner program; offered all fire academy classes to emergency service companies in the county.</p> <p>Clarion County participated in the State-wide weather exercise, which includes municipalities, schools, day care facilities, public safety agencies and health care facilities.</p> <p>DPS distributes training announcements to appropriate emergency response agencies.</p> <p>The Clarion County Local Emergency Planning Committee provided 7 hazard materials courses for public safety agencies, business and industries.</p> <p>National Weather Service presented Storm Spotter basic class.</p> <p>The County DPS distributes letters annually to municipalities providing information on how to get training for the National Incident Management System and offered our assistance to help with this training.</p> <p>The County DCORT/CISM Team provided training on Crisis Intervention Team training. This was a 40-hour class.</p> <p>Local Emergency Management Coordinators having State certifications in emergency management, Basic Certification 7, Advanced Certification 5 and 3 Professional Certification.</p>
Objective 3.2	Improve emergency preparedness in Clarion County.
	Action 3.2.1: Maintain the Clarion County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and update bi-annually or when necessary based on the recommendations of the PEMA and FEMA. Include participation from all jurisdictions in the update process by ensuring that they adopt the EOP.
	Action 3.2.2: All jurisdictions will collect data from all incidents and use this information for mitigation efforts and plan updates.

	Action 3.2.3: All county, municipalities, schools, health care, fire, EMS, law enforcement, human services agencies and public works will become NIMS compliant and maintain compliance.
	Action 3.2.4: Ensure all required organizations complete the annual NIMS compliant report, which is required by FEMA and PEMA.
2018 Actions	<p>The Clarion County EOP was updated this year. All 34 municipalities have adopted the County plan as their own.</p> <p>The County is using the CAD system in our 9-1-1 dispatch center to track incidents and collect data. Incidents not found in the CAD system were entered in the established data base.</p> <p>The county and all municipalities filed NIMS annual reports.</p>
Objective 3.3	Improve coordination and communication among disaster response organizations, local, and county governments.
	Action 3.3.1: Clarion County will use the County DPS web site, Facebook, other social media sites and Knowledge Center as resources and incident management programs to improve coordination/communications.
2018 Actions	<p>Clarion County and Clarion Department of Public Safety web sites are operational, and we continue to update information.</p> <p>In Knowledge Center, we continue to add additional information and maintain current information. This system is used for everyday incidents, exercises and planned events.</p>
Objective 3.4	Evaluate cost-effective ways to disseminate appropriate warnings and to augment existing broadcast/communication systems for monitor warning information continuously.
	Action 3.4.1: Research the possibility of installing Emergency Alert Warning Systems and equipment to reach all populated areas throughout the County. Work with all jurisdictions and utilities for the possibility of using their notification systems during emergencies.
	Action 3.4.2: Evaluate the possibility of combining notification systems from all jurisdictions and utilities in to one county system.
2018 Actions	<p>Currently there is still no funding available for Clarion County to install a County-wide siren system or a reverse 9-1-1 notification system. We are using other systems currently in the County.</p> <p>Clarion County maintains the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS). This system allows the county to send alert and warning messages via Emergency Alert System, Cellular Telephones, I-Pads/Tablets, NOAA radio and the Internet.</p>
Objective 3.5	All jurisdictions, human service agencies, businesses and industries will ensure continuity of operations.
	Action 3.5.1: All the above should develop and maintain a continuity of operations plan.
2018 Actions	Sample continuity of operations plans were made available for use.

Objective 3.6	Clarion County Schools should continue to participate or start participating in the following programs:
	<p>Action 3.6.1: The Pennsylvania Youth Survey is done every two years and taken voluntarily by students in 6, 8, 10 & 12th grades in participating school districts. Students take the survey on the condition of it being completely anonymous. The survey identifies issues facing students (some areas include drugs, alcohol and bullying). This information is then used to identify programs to help the students to deal with these issues.</p>
	<p>Action 3.6.2: The Clarion County Youth Council is a county wide program open to selected students from 8th-12th grade. All seven county school districts are participating in the 17-18 school year. Each school has a small group of students who attend each of the three meetings held during the school year. These students learn valuable problem-solving skills as well as leadership and working together. Students use information provided to them at the meetings, through their administration or the PA Youth Survey to choose topics that are relevant to them and work towards bringing awareness or prevention to problem topics in their schools or communities. These topics range from bullying, hunger issues, drug and alcohol topics, safe driving, cancer and community fundraising. Research has shown the students often listen quicker to their peers than to adults. Ultimately, this program seeks to teach students the valuable of positive leadership and making a positive difference in their school and community. Schools should continue to support student projects.</p>
	<p>Action 3.6.3: The Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS) Curriculum is a program for educators and school staff designed to facilitate the development of self-control, positive self-esteem, emotional awareness and interpersonal problem-solving skills. PATHS have been used, researched, and found effective with classrooms of students as a prevention program or with a specific target population such as special needs students as an intervention program. The purposes of the PATHS Curriculum are to enhance social and emotional competence and understanding in children, as well as develop a caring, prosocial context that facilitates educational processes in the classroom. The PATHS program has been shown to reduce students exhibiting aggressive behavior and depression/sadness among special-needs students. Reports also have shown increases in the following areas, students exhibiting self-control, pro-social peer relations, students' scores on cognitive skills tests, students' vocabulary for emotions, ability to use effective conflict resolution strategies. Currently 2 school districts are presenting the PATHS program.</p>
	<p>Action 3.6.4: Olweus Bullying Prevention Program is a universal intervention for the reduction and prevention of bully/victim problems. The universal program targets students in elementary, middle, and junior high school and school staff has the primary responsibility for the introduction and implementation of the program. Core components of the program are implemented on three levels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School-wide components include the administration of an anonymous questionnaire to assess the nature and prevalence of bullying at each school, school conference day to discuss bullying at school and plan interventions, formation of a Bullying Prevention Coordinating Committee to coordinate all aspects of school's program, and increased supervision of students at "hot spots" for bullying. • Classroom components include the establishment and enforcement of class rules against bullying and holding regular class meetings with students.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual components include interventions with children identified as bullies and victims, and discussions with parents of involved students. Teachers may be assisted in these efforts by counselors and school-based mental health professionals. <p>The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program has been shown to result in reductions in bullying, victimization, and antisocial behavior such as vandalism, fighting, theft and truancy. It has also been proven to improve the “social climate” of classrooms, as reflected in students' reports of improved order and discipline, more positive social relationships, and a more positive attitude toward schoolwork and school.</p> <p>The Olweus Bullying program is being used in 2 county school districts.</p>
2018 Actions	Six of seven School Districts participated in current Pennsylvania Youth Survey.
GOAL #4	Reduce or redirect the impact of natural occurring and human caused disasters (especially floods) away from at risk population areas
Objective 4.1	Research possible mitigation projects to reduce flooding, reduce/eliminate sewage leakage and inflow/infiltration problems. Some projects may include reservoirs, retention pools, diversions, channel modification, increase pipe size and storm sewers.
	Action 4.1.1: Continue to review post-disaster reviews submitted by the municipalities.
	Action 4.1.2: Continue to produce and submit Hazard Mitigation Project Opportunity Forms for high-risk structures/areas (especially post-disaster).
	Action 4.1.3: Municipal officials will attempt to acquire or encourage residents to elevate the homes that are in flood prone areas. Especially those with repetitive losses.
2018 Actions	The municipalities did not submit projects for funding this year. They will continue to seek funding from other sources. There were no declared disasters this year in Clarion County, however; we will continue to work at mitigation projects
GOAL #5	Protect existing natural resources and open space, including parks and wetlands, within the floodplain and watershed to improve their flood control function.
Objective 5.1	Protect Clarion County’s natural resources through the implementation of cost-effective and technically feasible mitigation projects.
	Action 5.1.1: When funds become available for mitigation projects, the municipalities should plan to hold meetings to identify high-risk properties and to determine potential participation in future acquisition and relocation projects.
	Action 5.1.2: County to work with DEP, conservation agencies, etc., to research avenues for restoring degraded natural resources and open space to improve their flood control functions.
2018 Actions	No funds were received from FEMA/PEMA this year for projects.
GOAL #6	Protect public health, safety and welfare by increasing the public awareness of existing and potential hazards and by fostering both individual and public responsibility in mitigating risks due to those hazards.
Objective 6.1	All jurisdictions, emergency service agencies, and human services agencies) should maintain and distribute public awareness materials about hazard risks, preparedness, and mitigation.

	Action 6.1.1: Maintain public information materials for residents, businesses and visitors on the County DPS website. Site should contain information on mitigation, preparedness, response recovery and continuity of operations.
	Action 6.1.2: Work with the Clarion Cooperative Extension to maintain Animals in Disaster Displays that will be used at 4-H Clubs, Agricultural Fair, in Veterinarians Offices and other places that animal owners may gather. The display will have information about preparing animals for disasters by making a disaster plan and a disaster supply kit for each animal. The display will encourage animal owners to decide ahead of time where animals will be sheltered.
	Action 6.1.3: Schools to maintain displays for children's programs that teach preparedness and safety.
	Action 6.1.4: Continue to utilize the media for the distribution and publication of hazard information by sending news releases and public service series to local newspapers, radio stations about pre-disaster information (County and municipalities). Orient residents (via print and radio) to the meaning of the County fire siren system for emergencies.
	Action 6.1.5: All jurisdictions to continue to work with non-governmental organizations to promote mitigation education and awareness by creating public speaking series on hazard related topics such as types of natural disasters and risks, how to develop a family disaster plan and disaster supply kit, sheltering in place, how to develop a business continuity plan, simple types of mitigation projects for homeowners and businesses, etc.
	Action 6.1.6: Continue to work with the Clarion County school districts and the Clarion University to promote emergency preparedness and hazard mitigation education and awareness. Provide information on hazardous, emergency alert systems and discuss ways to better integrate mitigation into the curriculum such as science, math and other subjects
	Action 6.1.7: County to develop a social media network to provide pre/post emergency information
	Action 6.1.8: Work with Pa. Department of Health on providing public information programs and materials on Lyme Disease and other health related issues for residents and visitors.
	Action 6.1.9: Human Service agencies to coordinate with Clarion County EMA to provide public information materials on preparedness and safety to clients.
2018 Actions	<p>We are maintaining displays at public events and in the Courthouse. These displays include information for mitigation and pre-post emergencies.</p> <p>Continue to work with agencies to provide information on preparing animals for disasters by making a disaster plan and a disaster supply kit for each animal.</p> <p>We are still working with the Chambers of Business & Industry and Clarion County Economic Development Corporation to identify all business in the County to include contact information. We have been attending meetings to provide information on business continuity planning.</p> <p>We are presenting child programs across the County which includes emergency preparedness, fire safety and 9-1-1 programs. For the year, there were 8 programs attended by children and adults. There is a display used for these programs and a display used for public events.</p>

	<p>The County has distributed news releases for various emergencies and pre-emergency events (i.e. winter weather preparation, flooding, summer storms).</p> <p>When requested we have made a presentation for groups on natural disasters and risks, how to develop a family disaster plan and disaster supply kit, sheltering in place, how to develop a business continuity plan, simple types of mitigation projects for homeowners and businesses.</p> <p>Clarion County and Clarion County DPS websites provide pre-emergency and emergency information. We also have added links to private, state and federal informational sites.</p> <p>We continue working with the Clarion County school districts and private schools on emergency management issues.</p> <p>Public information materials for earthquakes are in the courthouse, available in displays during special events and will be placed on the Clarion County and Clarion County DPS websites.</p> <p>Sheriff's Department taught 4 Gun Safety programs.</p>
Objective 6.2	Target owners of properties within identified hazard areas for additional outreach regarding mitigation and disaster preparedness.
	Action 6.2.1: If requested, work with representatives from NFIP to hold local course on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) for property owners.
	Action 6.2.2: Municipalities should provide information to property owners or renters within the 100-year floodplain regarding potential flood hazards. The content of the letters should include the following information: the local flood hazard, flood safety, flood insurance information, property protection measures, the natural and beneficial functions of the local floodplain, where to obtain a map of the local flood hazard area, information about NOAA Weather radios used for local weather warnings, floodplain development permit requirements and substantial improvement/damage requirements.
	Action 6.2.3: GIS and Assessment Offices to maintain information for structures within the 100-year floodplain and structures that are not in the floodplain but are prone to flooding. This information will include map number, assessed value and structure type. This information is maintained at the GIS/Assessment Office.
	Action 6.2.4: Provide annual news releases to encourage county residents to investigate the need to purchase subsidence insurance from the Commonwealth.
2018 Actions	<p>We have a display used for public events as well as one setup in the Courthouse. These displays include information for mitigation and pre-post emergencies. Public information materials were provided to municipalities.</p> <p>Clarion County DPS attended 6 public events and distributed 9-1-1, disaster mitigation and preparedness information, and discussed emergency preparedness and mitigation planning.</p> <p>Information on subsidence insurance is available in all display locations. The County and State distributed new releases to radio, TV and other news media regarding the need for residents to purchase subsidence insurance. These were in our papers, radio and TV.</p>