Mitigation Grant Applications & Administration

Lessons Learned from the Des Plaines Buyout Program

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Recent Disaster Declarations
FEMA 1800 - September 2008 flooding resulted from 7.7 inches of rain in 2 days.

396 Flood Insurance Claims

$13.5 Million Claims Paid
FEMA 1935 - April 2010 flooding resulted from 1 inch of rain in 24 hours.

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Flood Insurance Claims

$83,000
Claims Paid
FEMA 4116 - April 2013 flooding resulted from 5.5 inches of rain in 24 hours.

331 Flood Insurance Claims

$11 Million Claims Paid
Localized flooding occurs from storms with less than 4 inches of rainfall.
Overbank flooding occurs from 4 inches of rainfall or more.

![Graph showing cumulative rainfall over time for different time periods: September 2008, July 2011, and April 2013. The graph indicates the timing and extent of overbank and localized flooding events.](image-url)
City of Des Plaines Vision
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36 Acres of New Open Space
Three Phases of Buyouts
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- 21 Structures
- $8 Million FEMA & IDNR Grants

**Phase 2**

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- **Phase 3**
  - 47 Structures
  - $15 Million FEMA & MWRD Grants
Grant Applications - Keys to Success
Include enough alternate properties in the grant application.

Primary

12 Structures

Alternate

12 (minimum) Structures

Allows for additional funding

Accounts for homeowners opting out
Include repetitive loss properties with other flood-prone properties.

**Repetitive Loss**

**Substantial Damage**
Coordinate early and often with IEMA and other partner agencies.
Changing Property Values
Buyouts consider pre-flood property value, which was 2008, 2010 or 2013.

- **2008 Value = $450,000**
- **2010 Value = $340,000**
- **2013 Value = $280,000**

Source: Maine Township Assessor
Final offers to homeowners must consider duplication of benefits.

Pre-flood Market Value

- Previous FEMA Assistance*
  *Subtract assistance not used for structural repairs or not documented with receipts

= Offer to Homeowner
Resident Coordination
City staff work with each homeowner to help them through the buyout process.

**Scenarios**
- Foreclosed
- Mortgage
- No Mortgage
- Financial Situation

**Sign:**
PLEASE RESPECT
those of us who still
Live here
This is all DIFFICULT ENOUGH.
To date, 12 structures have been demolished and returned to open space.

From This

To This
Next Steps
Acquire, demolish, and restore the remaining parcels to open space.

80 Properties acquired from Phases 1-3

WIIN Act
USACOE will likely fund Phase 4
Questions?

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