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Cambria County Department of Emergency Services

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Dear Community Partners of Cambria County & Vicinity,

The Cambria County Commissioners are currently beginning an update to the 2016 Cambria County Hazard Mitigation Plan which was adopted by the Cambria County Commissioners in October, 2016. Most municipalities in Cambria County adopted the 2016 Cambria County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the municipal hazard mitigation plan. **Each county and municipality is required under the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to have a current and adopted hazard mitigation plan.** The hazard mitigation plan is used to support requests for public assistance and individual assistance after a federally declared disaster or to request pre-disaster mitigation grant funding. Without a FEMA approved plan, the municipality may be ineligible for assistance and funding.

The Cambria County Commissioners have secured a grant to complete the 2022 mitigation plan update. Cambria County has hired MCM Consulting Group, Inc. of State College, Pennsylvania and is currently developing a local planning team to assist with updating the mitigation plan. The plan update will be completed by Cambria County with involvement and input from numerous stakeholders. You have been identified as a key stakeholder. **Stakeholders will be requested to participate in approximately five to six meetings and to complete surveys and worksheets over the next six months.**

The initial local planning team meeting will be held on **August 31, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.** Due to the impact of COVID-19, we will be conducting meetings in person and virtually during the project. The location, which will depend on the number of participants, and virtual details will be provided closer to the meeting date. During this meeting, the duties and responsibilities of the local planning team and the Cambria County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update project schedule will be reviewed and discussed. Worksheets and surveys will also be provided for completion. We feel that you would be an asset to the local planning team for the 2022 planning process. **If you are interested in participating as a local planning team member, please email or call EMA Staff, Cambria County Department of Public Safety at 814-472-2050 or email lepc@cambria911.com**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office at 814-472-2050.

Sincerely,

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