

**Date:** June 25, 2020; 6PM-7 PM ET  
**Presenter:** Sherry Risk, CDBG-MIT Program Manager, WVCAD  
**Attendees:** 14 attendees  
**Comments:** 1 comment provided by public

## Hearing Overview

WVCAD held its second public hearing prior to the release of its CDBG-MIT Action Plan to inform the public of the HUD funding allocations, the planning process, and garner input regarding potential mitigation priorities. The hearing was advertised publicly via newspaper ad, WVCAD CDBG-MIT website at [www.wvfloodrecovery.com/mitigation](http://www.wvfloodrecovery.com/mitigation), and social media. Additionally, WVCAD issued a notification to its 500+ member stakeholder list to solicit maximum participation. To ensure public safety, the hearing was held virtually via GoToWebinar. A recording of the hearing was created and posted on the WVCAD CDBG-MIT website. A detailed list of attendees is attached for reference.

## Presentation

WVCAD provided a PowerPoint presentation containing the following information regarding the CDBG-MIT allocation and Action Plan process.

- Introductions
- Goals and Objectives
- Disaster Overview and Impacted Counties
- What is Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT)?
- What are the Main Requirements of CDBG-MIT?
- What is an Action Plan?
- Action Plan Timelines and Stakeholder Engagement
- How to Stay Involved
- Q&A

## Discussion and Public Comment

**Francis Holton:** In the floodplain area, we have 100 to 200 houses that could possibly qualify for buyout. We might even have more than 200 houses. Is there a way to do this without listing each address individually? We are located in Hamlin where everything from Vine Avenue south toward the river is in the floodway. All of that would qualify for a buyout. Could these funds be used for that type of project?

Answer: For acquisition and buyout, we need to know specific addresses, initially, a map of the area could be used for eligibility analysis. Are these houses be part of the FEMA programs related to the 2016 storm?

Follow-up: No, these addresses are not involved with the FEMA buyout program.

Answer: With CDBG-DR funding, we needed a direct tie-back to the 2016 floods. With the CDBG-MIT funds, we have to protect against future risks. We could look at resiliency measures and possible buyout and acquisition. If you identify an area for an initial analysis, we can incorporate this into our assessment. At this time, we are assessing risks and mitigation needs and have not determined which programs will receive funding.

Conclusion: Mr. Holton offered to send a map of the houses in Hamlin by or around July 1<sup>st</sup> via e-mail to Sherry Risk for evaluation in the mitigation needs assessment.