

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA OVERVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - MITIGATION

June 25, 2020

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

West Virginia Development Office

Today's Virtual Public Hearing

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Agenda

- Introductions
- Goals and Objectives
- Disaster overview
- 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

The West Virginia Development Office: Community Advancement and Development (CAD)



West Virginia Community Advancement and Development works to encourage strong civic engagement through INFRASTRUCTURE, SUSTAINABILITY, COMPLIANCE, and RESILIENCY.

WV CAD administers state and federal programs designed to improve the quality of life in West Virginia, including CDBG, CDBG-DR and CDBG-MIT grants.

West Virginia CDBG-MIT Team

Presenter

- Sherry Risk, CDBG-MIT Program, WVCAD

Technical Team

- Amber Madden, Tidal Basin
- Daina Ruback, Tidal Basin

Management Team

- Jennifer Ferrell, WVCAD Director
- Michele Tharp, Resiliency Unit and CDBG-DR Program Manager, WVCAD
- James Bush, Infrastructure Unit Manager, WVCAD

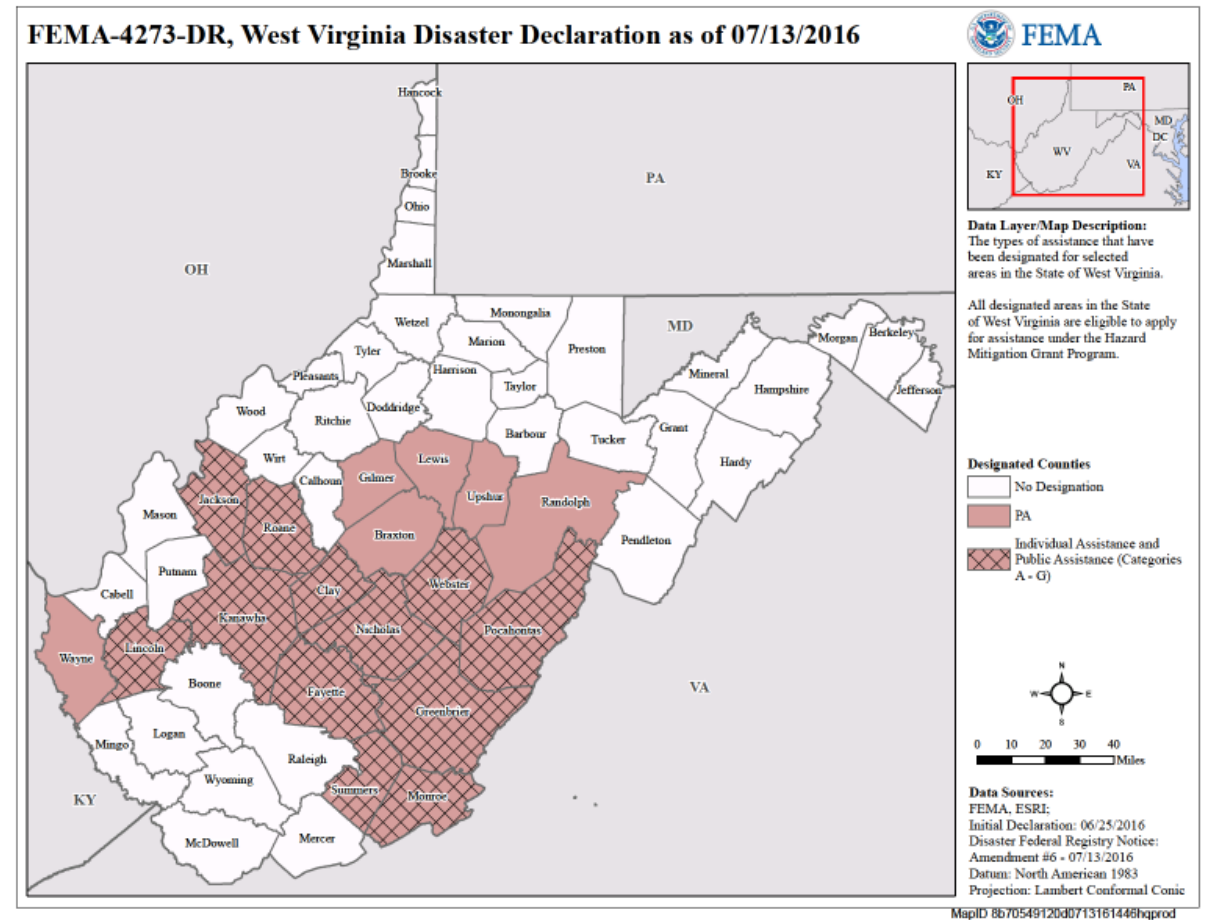
Meeting Goals

Increase awareness and understanding of:

- West Virginia's CDBG-MIT program and timeline
- The Action Plan process and development of a mitigation needs assessment
- Methods of citizen and stakeholder engagement

2016 Disaster Declaration

- June 2016 – WV experienced catastrophic storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides, resulting in a federally-declared disaster (DR-4273)



Difference between DR and MIT

CDBG-Disaster Recovery

- Intended for the **long-term recovery** of disaster-impacted areas
- Funding for the **unmet recovery needs** in the areas of housing, infrastructure, and economic revitalization

CDBG-Mitigation

- Assistance for disaster-impacted areas to carry out **strategic and high-impact activities to mitigate disaster risks and reduce future losses.**

HUD and CDBG-Mitigation

The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) allocates Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) funding to disaster-impacted areas.

Mitigation activities are defined as:

- Those activities that increase resilience to disasters, lessen the impact of future disasters, and reduce or eliminate long-term risk of loss of life, injury, damage to and loss of property, and suffering and hardship

CDBG-MIT funds are:

- Appropriated through Congress
- Grants and funding awarded to the State
- Guided by requirements set for each award by Federal Notices

West Virginia's CDBG-MIT Grant

- The State of West Virginia was **awarded \$106,494,000 in CDBG-MIT** funds to assist the state in its efforts to reduce the risk of future disasters and increase the state's overall resiliency.
- 50% of total grant funds must be spent on eligible activities related to mitigation of risks in HUD-defined **Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Areas**:
 - Greenbrier, Clay, Kanawha, and Nicholas Counties
- Balance of funds can be spent in State-Identified MID counties:
 - Fayette, Jackson, Lincoln, Monroe, Pocahontas, Roane, Summers, Webster
- 50% of total grant funds must be spent on activities which benefit Low- and Moderate-Income (LMI) persons and households
- No direct beneficiary reimbursement allowed

CDBG-Mitigation Goals



Support data-informed investments, focusing on repetitive loss of property and critical infrastructure



Build capacity to comprehensively analyze disaster risks and update hazard mitigation plans;



Support the adoption of policies that reflect local and regional priorities that will have long-lasting effects on community risk reduction, including risk reduction to community lifelines and decreasing future disaster costs; and



Maximize the impact of funds by encouraging leverage, private/public partnerships, and coordination with other Federal dollars.

HUD Spending Requirements

6 years

- 50% of funds expended

12 years

- 100% of funds expended

Eligible CDBG-MIT Activities



INFRASTRUCTURE



PLANNING



RESILIENT
HOUSING

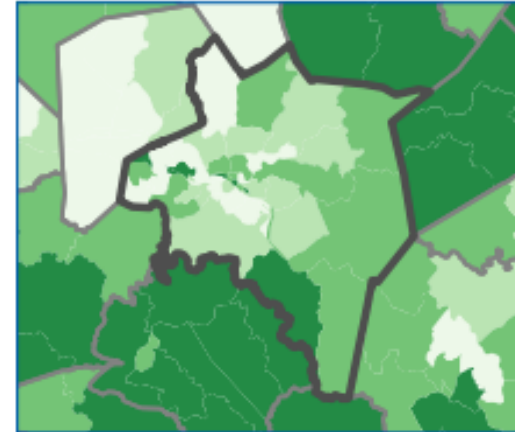


ECONOMIC
REVITALIZATION

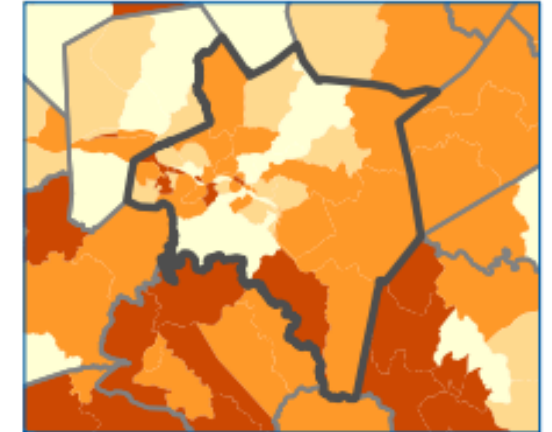
Vulnerable Populations Analysis

- A number of factors, including poverty, lack of access to transportation, and crowded housing may weaken a community's ability to prevent human suffering and financial loss in a disaster.
- These factors are known as **social vulnerability**.

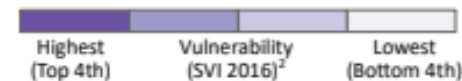
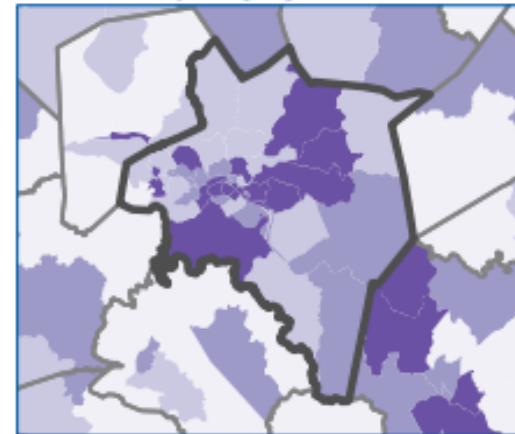
Socioeconomic Status⁵



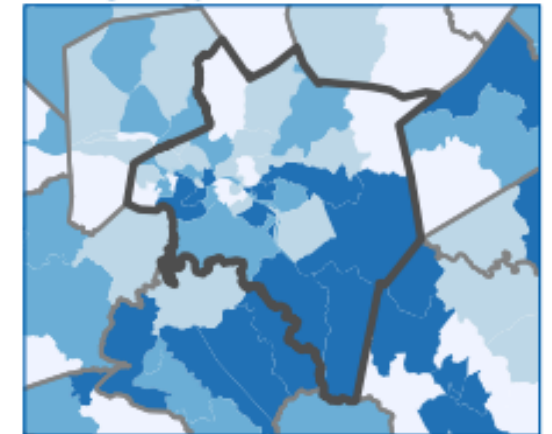
Household Composition/Disability⁶



Race/Ethnicity/Language⁷



Housing/Transportation⁸

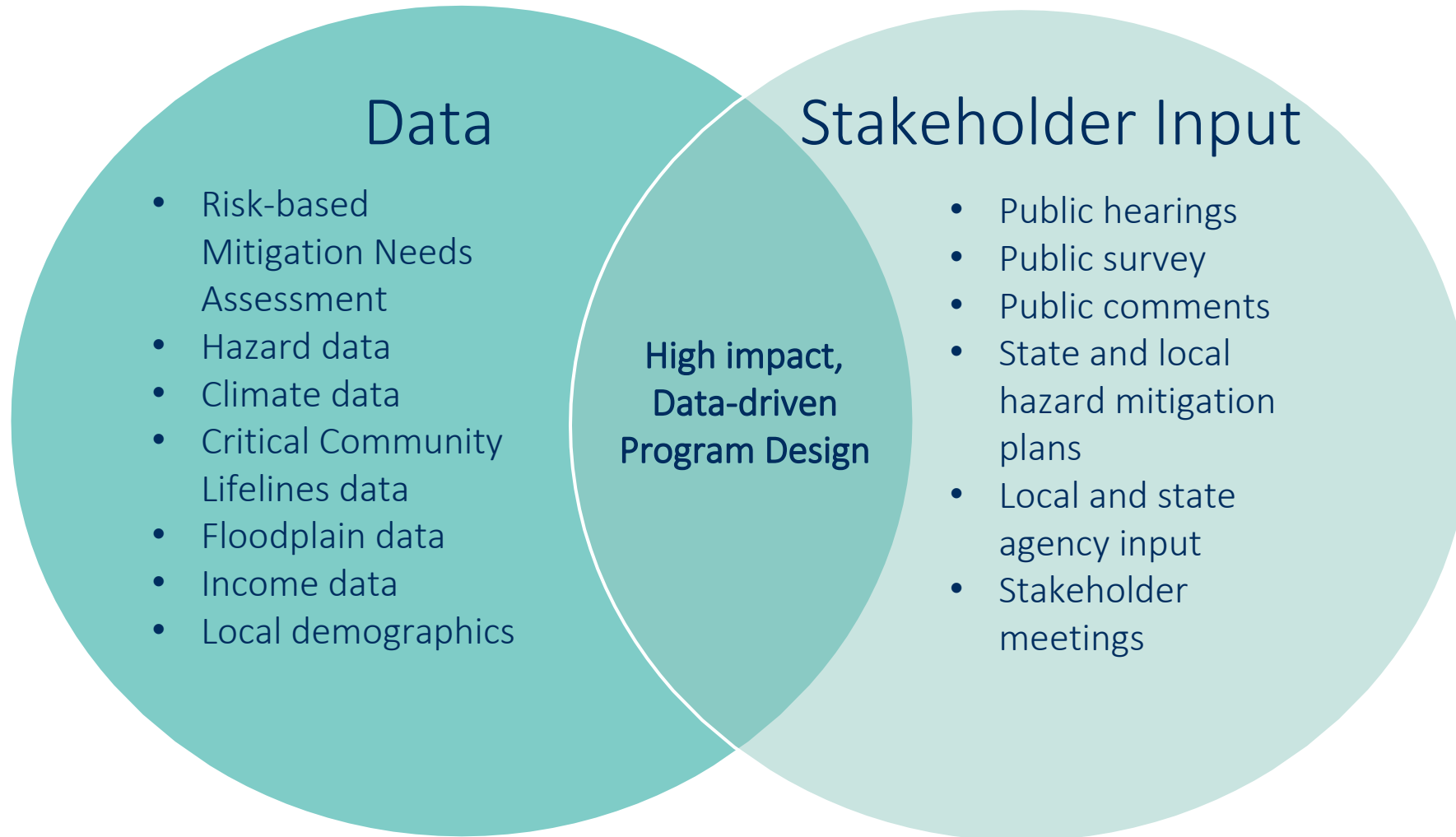


Kanawha, West Virginia

Summary of Data Sources Available

- West Virginia 2018 State Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Regional Planning and Development Council (Regions 1,2,3,4 and 5) Hazard Mitigation Plans
- West Virginia GIS Clearinghouse GIS Datasets on flood, facilities, etc
- WV CDBG-DR Action Plan
- FEMA related reports, assessments, and data
- NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information Storm Event Database
- ClimDa Climate Data Processing Tool for 25 Year Weather Projections
- Fourth National Climate Assessment – USGCRP
- WV Vulnerable Populations Analysis

Data-Driven Decisions



Action Plan

- WV's CDBG-MIT Action Plan is the official application to HUD for its use of CDBG-MIT funds.
- The Action Plan will consist of:
 - Mitigation Needs Assessment
 - Proposed activities/programs for funding
 - Methods of Distribution-Application process
 - Citizen Participation Plan

Mitigation Needs Assessment

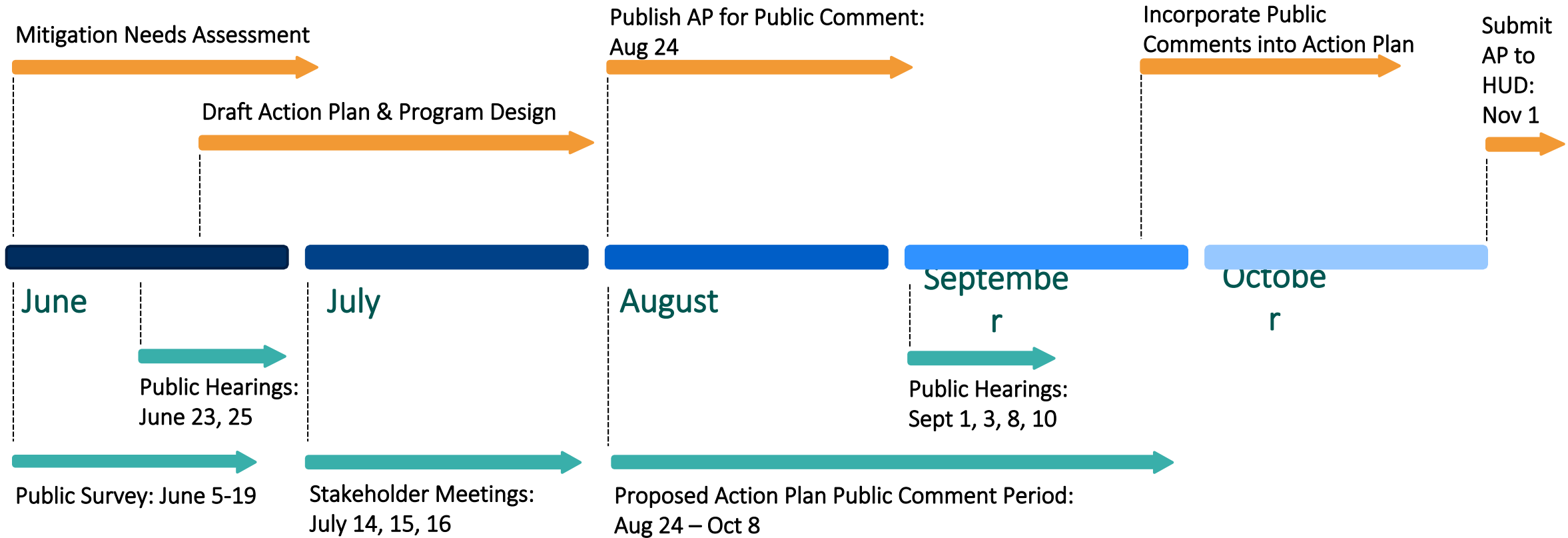
- Identifies and analyzes all significant current and future disaster risks
- Used as the basis of proposed programs and activities based on data driven information
- Requires stakeholder collaboration
- Must consider state and local Hazard Mitigation Plans

Stakeholder Engagement

- Continuous through the Action Plan development process
- Strategic engagement with:
 - State and local governments and agencies
 - Recovery groups
 - Non-profits
 - Businesses
 - State Hazard Mitigation Officer
 - General Public
- Creation of Citizen Advisory Committee after grant approval

Action Plan Timeline

Action Plan Development



Stakeholder Engagement/Citizen Participation

Approval and Program Implementation

HUD Approval

- HUD has 60 days to approve CDBG-MIT Action Plan
- Estimated approval date of January 1, 2021

Grant Agreement

- WV will execute grant agreement with HUD
- Estimated grant agreement – January 2021

Program Implementation

- After grant agreement is executed, WV can begin the process of program implementation

Next Steps: How to Stay Involved

- **Sign up:** Make sure you have signed in for this webinar with your name and email address to facilitate future communications.
- **Attend Public Meetings:** Public hearings in September 2020. WVCAD will communicate schedules via e-mail.
- **Join our email list:** email CDBGmitigation@wv.gov to request to join the email list.
- **Submit a Public Comment:** CDBGmitigation@wv.gov for all written comments.
- **Provide feedback to WVCAD:** Draft Action Plan will be available for public comment on August 24, 2020 <https://wvfloodrecovery.com/>. All public comments are addressed in the Action Plan prior to submission to HUD.

TIME FOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

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