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Dear Stakeholder,

The Juniata County Commissioners have been tasked with completing an update to the current Juniata County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Juniata County Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted by the Juniata County Commissioners in 2015. All municipalities in Juniata County adopted the 2015 Juniata 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 Juniata County Commissioners have secured a grant to complete the mitigation plan update. Juniata County has hired MCM Consulting Group, Inc. of Saint Marys, Pennsylvania and is currently developing a local planning team to assist with updating the mitigation plan. The plan update will be completed by Juniata County with involvement and input from numerous stakeholders. You have been identified as a key stakeholder. **Stakeholders will be requested to participate in meetings and to complete surveys and worksheets over the next twelve months. With municipal participation, the updated plan will be available for the municipalities to adopt as the municipal hazard mitigation plan.**

The initial local planning team meeting will be held on **February 19, 2019 at the Juniata County Emergency Management Agency starting at 2:00 P.M.** MCM Consulting Group, Inc. is the consulting agency assisting with the coordination and completion of the hazard mitigation plan update. During this meeting, the duties and responsibilities of the local planning team and the Juniata County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update project schedule will be reviewed and discussed. Worksheets and surveys will also be provided for completion.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael T. Rearick, Senior Consultant with MCM Consulting Group, Inc. at 814-229-8063.

Sincerely,

Allen Weaver, Juniata County Emergency Management Coordinator