

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RUSH ADOPTING
THE 2025 SCHUYLKILL COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Rush Township is vulnerable to natural and man-made hazards that may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Rush Township faces profound challenges preparing to face rising risk from natural and human-caused hazards; and

WHEREAS, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires all municipalities and special districts to have adopted a Hazard Mitigation Plan to receive pre- and post- disaster mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, a coalition of Schuylkill County local governments and special districts, along with the County of Schuylkill and a Core Planning Team, collectively referred to as the "Planning Partnership", embarked on a planning process to prepare for and lessen the impacts of specified hazards by updating the Schuylkill County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (or "Plan"), which is the blueprint for reducing Schuylkill County's vulnerability to disasters and hazards; and

WHEREAS, Rush Township committed to participating in the update to the Plan and met the Planning Partner Expectations outlined in the Authorization and Letter of Intent to Participate; and

WHEREAS, the update to the Plan has been prepared in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Plan is the framework for how the Planning Partnership can ensure that Schuylkill County's future is vibrant, livable, and resilient; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies goals and an action plan that address the pressing issues of creating safer communities, lessening financial impacts, providing essential public services, strengthening economic opportunity and protecting the environmental resources, which make Schuylkill County special; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Planning Partnership and Rush Township completed a coordinated planning process that engaged the public, assessed the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of hazards, developed a mitigation strategy, and created a plan for implementing, evaluating and revising the strategy; and

WHEREAS, each jurisdiction has been responsible for reviewing the Plan and the Plan presents the accumulated information in a unified framework to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated hazard mitigation plan that covers all of Schuylkill County and ensures that all jurisdictions are aligned with the goals, objectives and priorities of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the result of the countywide planning effort is the 2025 Schuylkill County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will result in a FEMA and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) approved multi-jurisdictional, multi-hazard mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been reviewed by PEMA and FEMA, Region III and have approved it contingent upon its official adoption by the participating governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan will allow the Planning Partnership to collectively and individually become eligible to apply for hazard mitigation project funding and demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the vision and goals outlined in the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Rush Township hereby adopts the 2025 Schuylkill County Multi-Jurisdictional Plan, known as the Schuylkill County Hazard Mitigation Plan. While content related to Rush Township may require revisions to meet the plan approval requirements, changes occurring after adoption will not require Rush Township to re-adopt any further iterations of the plan. Subsequent plan updates following the approval period for this plan will require separate adoption resolutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Rush Township will:

1. Use the Plan to guide pre- and post-disaster hazard mitigation.
2. Pursue implementation of the identified mitigation actions.
3. Coordinate the strategies in the plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.
4. Continue support of ongoing countywide mitigation efforts.
5. Continue to participate in the County Planning Partnership as described in the Plan.
6. Submit this resolution to the Schuylkill County Planning Department who will forward the resolution to PEMA and FEMA Region III officials to enable to the Plan's final approval in accordance with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

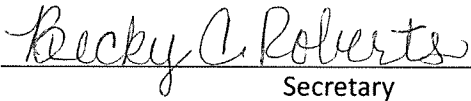
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Rush Township this 21 day of August, 2025.

ATTEST: Becky A Roberts
Secretary

[Signature]
Chairman

I, Becky Coccio-Roberts, Secretary of Rush Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, do hereby certify that the attached hereto is a true, correct, complete and conformed copy of a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Rush Township at a meeting held on August 21, 2025, at which a quorum was present throughout and voted in favor hereof; and that said Resolution has been duly recorded in the minutes of said meeting showing how each member of the Board of Supervisors voted thereon.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Rush, this 21st day of August, 2025.


Secretary

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