

According to DMA 2000, any natural hazards that may affect a county will need to be addressed in the risk and vulnerability assessment section of the LMS Plan.

DMA 2000 established a deadline of November 1, 2004 as the date by which local governments were required to prepare and adopt their respective plans. As previously stated, local jurisdictions must review their LMS Plan to reflect changes in development, progress in local mitigation efforts, and changes in mitigation project priorities, then resubmit it for approval within 5 years from date of FEMA approval to remain eligible for the mitigation project grant funding. This plan is a continuation of the 2016 efforts and is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of the 5-year revision and update process.

An important goal for the Bradford County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management Division (BCSO EM) is to engage the entire community. By participating in local events and presentations, BCSO EM is able to communicate the importance of planning and public safety. A fundamental tool in doing so is the BCSO EM Facebook Page. The page allows to community to stay current on emergency information. The county is very fortunate to have many citizens and organizations that participate on the LMS Working Group with over 59 active members from the local and state government, the community businesses and residents, and the neighboring communities.

The Bradford County LMS Plan provides information needed by the managers and leaders of local government and the community to address potential hazards. All projects have been justified on the basis of their economic benefits and, when implemented, will be compatible with the interests of adjacent jurisdictions and unlikely to duplicate or interfere with mitigation projects proposed by others.

The following sections of the Bradford County LMS present the detailed information to support these objectives. In addition, it documents the structural and non-structural mitigation projects proposed by the participating jurisdictions to address the identified exposure. The plan will also address the goals and objectives of the Working Group for the next planning period, during which this plan will continue to be expanded and refined.