#### PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

# PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

# **CLIMATE CHANGE AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

# **FLOODING HAZARDS AND MANAGING RISK**

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### I. HEALTH

- a. Health Effects
  - i. Drowning
    - 1. Susceptible Population
      - a. Residents Living in Floodway and Floodplain
      - b. Citizens Driving through Flooded Roadways
      - c. Emergency Medical Services Personnel
        - i. Volunteer Firemen
      - d. Emergency Management Personnel
  - ii. Infectious Diseases from Flood Waters
    - 1. Susceptible Population
      - a. Residents Living in Floodway and Floodplain
      - b. Emergency Medical Services Personnel
        - i. Volunteer Firemen
      - c. Emergency Management Personnel
      - d. Post Flood Assessment Personnel
  - iii. Molds and Fungi Exposures during Recovery Efforts
    - 1. Susceptible Population
      - a. Residents Living in Floodway and Floodplain
      - **b.** Construction Contractors

# b. Partners

- i. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- ii. Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency
- iii. Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
- iv. Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors
- v. Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs
- vi. County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania
- vii. Pennsylvania Association of Floodplain Managers
- viii. Susquehanna River Basin Commission
- ix. Delaware River Basin Commission
- x. Federal Emergency Management Agency

- xi. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service (NWS)
- xii. U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
- c. Databases/Sources
  - i. Flood Insurance Policies
  - ii. Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps
  - iii. NWS Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service
  - iv. Flood inundation Maps
  - v. USGS National Water Information System
  - vi. Dams and Levee databases
    - 1. State level
    - 2. Federal level

# **II. ENVIRONMENT**

- a. Managing Risk
  - i. Floodplain Management
    - 1. Municipal Ordinances
  - ii. National Flood Insurance Program
  - iii. State and County Hazard Mitigation Plans
  - iv. Promoting the Solution
    - 1. Public Outreach
    - 2. NWS Turn Around Don't Drive Campaign
    - 3. Communications
    - 4. Marketing