

PERSPECTIVES ON FLOOD MITIGATION

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- 1. Flood Mitigation is generally approached in reactive mode rather than proactive and preventive.**
- 2. Flood Mitigation tools can include:**
 - a. Floodplain Management Ordinances with effective enforcement**
 - b. Stormwater Management Plan and Ordinances**
 - c. Flood Property Buyouts / Use Conversions**
 - d. Natural Greenways**
 - e. Effective Flood Warning Systems**
 - f. Floodproofing and Retrofitting**
- 3. Enactment of Stormwater Ordinance does not achieve flood reduction unless floodplain has not been developed since enactment of an Ordinance does NOT apply to preexisting uses or conditions**
- 4. Act 167 needs to be revised to allow a Stormwater Plan and Ordinance to apply to preexisting conditions**
- 5. DEP needs to review and approve a County Stormwater Plan PRIOR to formal County adoption**
- 6. Act 167 should be reexamined to enable problem resolution with existing runoff issues from preexisting development**
- 7. Clarify / simplify municipal reimbursement procedures.**
- 8. Identify water quality standards for a county to meet instead of a general referral to the BMP manual.**
- 9. Since this is a state requirement, fund 100% of the plan and cost for municipalities to adopt regulations.**
- 10. Enforcement of plan implementation by all municipalities in the watershed. If some do not adopt or implement an ordinance:**
 - a. Jeopardizes the goals of the plan.**
 - b. Impacts other municipalities downstream.**
 - c. Unfair to those municipalities that adopted and are enforcing Ord**
- 11. The DEP model stormwater management ordinance should be re-worked:**
 - a. Specify what minimum standards must be met to be consistent.**
 - b. Provide enforceable ordinance language instead of “to the maximum extent practicable”, “minimize adverse effects”, “whenever feasible”.**
 - c. Provide guidance on practical exemption criteria and options.**
- 12. Stormwater Ord administration should be done by Zoning/Subdivision Officer, ideally by professional staff at County Planning agency**