



Recovery and Mitigation Division

UPDATE ON CURRENT OPERATIONS
AND INITIATIVES



Purpose

- Status of Current Events
 - Nor'easter After Action Report
 - Snow Event Issues
 - Policy
 - Operational Issues
- Current Initiatives



Status of Current Recovery Operations

- November 11, 2009, Severe Weather/Flood Event
 - Public Assistance
 - 5 Counties, 7 cities
 - 36 Applicants
 - 330 Project Worksheets
 - 10.3 million dollars
 - Cat Z PWs: 40 being developed
 - Individual Assistance
 - Small Business Administration Declaration
 - 169 Loans: \$6,893,500
 - » 148 Home Loans: \$4,318,900
 - » 18 Business Loans: \$1, 621,900
 - » 3 Non-Profit \$ 952,700
 - National Flood Insurance Program
 - High Percentage Insured

Status of Current Recovery Operations

- December 18, 2009, Severe Winter Weather/Snow
 - Declared: February 16, 2010/Public Assistance
 - Initial: 40 Localities: 31 Counties - 9 cities
 - Add-ons: 5 counties; 6 cities
 - 143 Requests for Public Assistance
 - 413 Estimated Project Worksheets -413 entered into EMMIE
 - 382 Obligated - \$23,451,275.81
 - Projected cost: \$33.3 million

Status of Current Recovery Operations

- February 5-6 & February 9-10 Snow Events
 - Declared: April 27, 2010/Public Assistance
 - Initial: 37 Localities: 29 Counties – 8 Cities
 - Add-ons: 1 county
 - 129 Requests for Public Assistance
 - 481 Estimated Project Worksheets – 346 entered into EMMIE
 - 158 Obligated - \$5,007,818.66
 - Projected Cost: \$56.5 million

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Mitigation Funding available, in millions, as a result of the three declared disasters

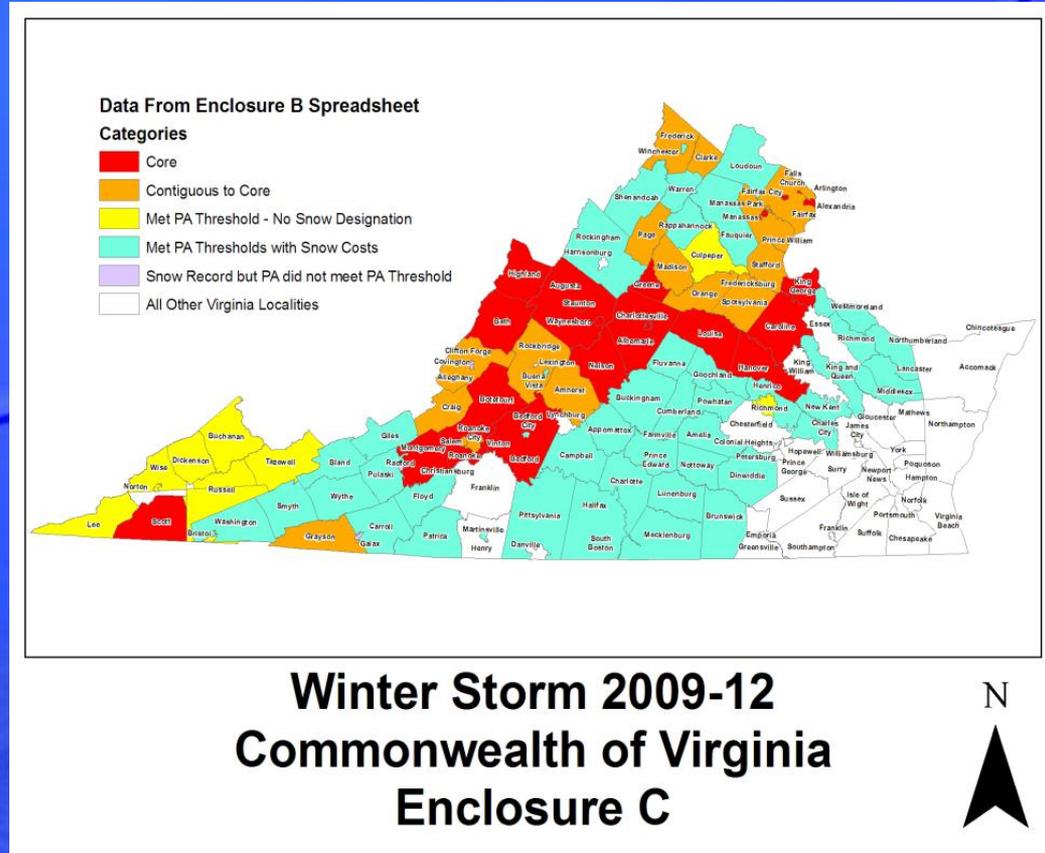
- DR-1862:
 - \$2.09 with \$1.568 federal share
- DR-1874 (estimated)
 - \$6.0 with \$4.5 federal share
- DR-1905 (estimated)
 - \$8.1 with \$6.075 federal share

After-Action Report – November Nor'easter 2009

- Excellent customer service
 - Findings fully explained and tied to policy
- Good FEMA-State Team Cooperation/Interface
- Joint Field Office Operation - Just under 90 days
 - (4-1 Fed/State Ratio).

DECEMBER – FEBRUARY SNOW EVENTS

- General Policy Framework
 - Must have snowfall of record and meet PA threshold to be eligible for snow cost reimbursement
 - 45 localities met PA threshold with snow costs in December event; in Feb. event – 43 localities
- Issues-
 - NCDC Stations
 - Locations - Status
 - Observers – Availability
 - Measurements -Mixed precipitation



PA Approach/Issues

- Multiple Applicant's Briefings for PA and Mitigation by Webinars – well received
- Requests for Public Assistance (RPAs)
 - Experienced a number of eligible applicants coming in late – towns, fire departments, schools, other PNPs
 - Various reasons: not aware; thought they had to go through locality; an oversight
 - FEMA conducted outreach to Private-Non-Profits in snow events

PA Approach/Issues

- Documentation
 - Assurances - necessary to have for payments
 - Level of documentation required by state and FEMA are different
 - FEMA utilizes sampling approach to write Project Worksheet
 - State requires more detail to support close-out and audits
- Tasking of Documentation Development
 - Assigned to one-two people - Need additional support and back-up
 - Allow FEMA/State to work with local departments to expedite process
- Contract Services
 - Use of contract services does not preclude coordination and support with FEMA and state field representatives
 - Need to provide good oversight and tracking of costs

CURRENT INITIATIVES



PA – Mitigation Grant Management Tools

- Transitioning to an electronic platform to support processing and managing Applicant Project Worksheets and Mitigation projects
 - Acquired software to enhance PA grant management/interface with Finance, FEMA and applicants
 - Recently acquired Mitigation tool – will be integrating into program in upcoming months
 - Developing training, job aids etc. for applicants
 - VirginiaPA.org being updated to improve interface and capabilities to better support program

Mitigation

- Mitigation Staff will be providing technical assistance/support in a more integrated manner handling both planning and project components.
- Developing local Mitigation Project Manager Toolkit

Damage Assessment

- MOU
 - Virginia Society of Professional Engineers
 - Virginia Society of American Institute of Architects
- Training
 - Two hour Webinars held September 14th and 16th for IA and PA components respectively
 - Just-in-Time Training
- Revision of Initial Damage Assessment Form
- Strengthen interface with Extension Agents - Agriculture Damage Assessment
- Development of NFIP GIS layer to provide snapshot of level of insurance in impact area (DCR)

Debris Management

- Planning
 - Development/Revision of State Debris Annex
 - VCU Capstone Program
 - Fulfill FEMA Debris Planning Checklist
 - Development of Temporary Storage Site List/GIS Layer in coordination with DEQ and local governments
 - Greater emphasis on recycling/reuse
- Operations
 - Damage Assessment
 - Development of MOU/SOP with Virginia Department of Forestry – Urban Forest Strike Team
 - Development of WebEOC board to facilitate comparison of contract service costs

Debris Management Contracts

Debris Removal

- Firms
 - Ashbritt, Inc
 - Storm Reconstruction Services
 - Phillips & Jordan
 - Omni Pinnacle
 - DRC Emergency Services
 - J.B. Coxwell
 - Asplundh Environmental
- Access through eVA
- Contract Renewal
 - 2011

Debris Monitoring

- Firms
 - Beck Disaster Recovery Inc.
 - Solid Resources Inc.
 - The Louis Berger Group, Inc.
- Access through eVA
- Renewal – July 2010

State Recovery Annex Update

- National Disaster Recovery Framework – February 2010 (Final version still under development)
- Revision of state Recovery Annex (VCU Capstone)
 - State Debris Annex
- Development of local Recovery Annex Template (VCU Capstone)
 - Partnering with James City County on development
- National Disaster Housing Strategy – January 2009
 - Promotes development of state-led Joint Housing Task Force

Six Recovery Support Functions

- **Community Planning & Capacity Building**
 - Restore and improve ability to provide governmental services and organize, plan, manage long term recovery activities and initiatives.
- **Economic Development**
 - Rebuild businesses and develop new economic opportunities, with goal of creating sustainable, economically-viable communities.
- **Health, Social & Community Services**
 - Support more resilient re-establishment of essential health/social/community services

Six Recovery Support Functions

▣ **Housing**

- ▣ Assist in restoration of destroyed and damaged housing and development of other new accessible, permanent housing options, if necessary

▣ **Infrastructure**

- ▣ Restore, enhance, mitigate, and ensure the resilience and protection of infrastructure systems impacted by major and catastrophic disasters

▣ **Natural and Cultural Resources**

- ▣ Address long-term environmental and cultural resource recovery needs after major disasters

Housing Challenges / Assumptions

- Shelter population wants to return to home/community
- Difficult re-entry process if significant infrastructure damage
- Inadequate existing housing stock
- Re-building – Years, Not Months
- Emergency Management – the catalyst, but not the lead
- Need strong leadership to organize and engage all sectors of community in process
- Establish effective framework to facilitate process
- Develop plan to define vision, goals, objectives
- Identify resources and timeline to execute plan
- Continually monitor process

Housing

Private Sector Resources

- VHDA Housing Locator Tool – Socialserv
- Outreach letter to private sector property managers to develop/enhance database
- Strengthen interface with 211 system; shelters; and Disaster Recovery Centers
- Housing Counselors

Temporary Housing

- VDEM/Virginia Department of Corrections MOU – Use of Correctional Properties outside of fence line for temporary housing sites
- VDOC conducted facility survey
- Partnering with USACE in development of sample site plans
- Develop SOP based on lessons learned in Hurricane Floyd and Town Pickett planning

OTHER INITIATIVES

- Attempting to increase PA component of reservist pool
- Develop Just-In-Time training for reservists/local hires



QUESTIONS?

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