

Columbia County, PA

Risk-assessment baseline packet

County FIPS: 42037 Release: 2026-10 Data as of: 2026-09-30 Storm Events data through: 2026-06-30

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Summary

Plan status as of 2026-09-30: Approved, expires 2028-04-02. Plan: Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878), approved 2023-04-03.
Update: FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress.
Since the plan was approved on 2023-04-03: no new hazard declaration and 44 NOAA Storm Events records; details under "What changed since your last plan".
Highest expected annual loss (FEMA National Risk Index, modeled total; see B1-a): Inland Flooding (\$19,803,088 a year), Strong Wind (\$824,040) and Tornado (\$779,988).
The tables that follow are organized by the items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool, Element B (B1-a to B2-c); each heading says which item its tables support.

TERMS USED

EAL: expected annual loss: FEMA's modeled average yearly loss from a hazard.
NRI: FEMA's National Risk Index (version 1.20, December 2025).
NFIP: National Flood Insurance Program.
RL, SRL: repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss: flood-insured properties with repeated claims (definitions in B2-c).
FMA, HMGP: Flood Mitigation Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, FEMA mitigation grants.
PA: FEMA Public Assistance: disaster aid to governments and some nonprofits.
Zone-level: NOAA logged the event for a National Weather Service forecast zone, which may include parts of neighboring counties.
County-coded: NOAA logged the event to this county.
FIPS: the federal code for a place; 42037 is this area.
D0 to D4: U.S. Drought Monitor categories, from abnormally dry (D0) to exceptional drought (D4).
F/EF, EFU: Fujita and Enhanced Fujita tornado ratings; EFU is an unrated tornado.
kt, CONUS: knots (1 kt is about 1.15 mph); the contiguous United States.
CFR: Code of Federal Regulations.
A4-a, E1-a: other items of FEMA's Local Mitigation Plan Review Tool (sources, and changes since the last plan).
Dollars: nominal (as reported, labeled with the year), not adjusted for inflation.

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Plan clock

Status:	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Plan:	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)
Approved:	2023-04-03	Days to expiry:	550
Update underway:	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress		

What changed since your last plan (approved 2023-04-03)

New federal declarations:	none	Storm Events records since approval:	44 records (data through 2026-06-30)
Repetitive loss now:	FMA RL 92, SRL 61 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 400	Repeat-flood change:	this release sets the baseline count.
Sources: 1, 2, 4, 6 (numbered list at the end)			

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county: 35 rows, in the section "Plan clock: Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county" on the following pages.

State plan status and tribal plans in this state: see the state page.

Plan clock

Plan status for every jurisdiction listed in this county

Source: 1

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry <i>negative = days since expiry</i>	Update underway	Notes
Columbia County	County	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	
Benton borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-05-08
Berwick borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	
Bloomsburg town	Town	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-04-04
Briar Creek borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-04-05
Catawissa borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-04-10
Centralia borough	Organized Borough	No approved plan on record	none	none	none		FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	
Millville borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-05-23
Orangeville borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-08-08
Stillwater borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-04-05
Beaver township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	
Benton township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-04-04
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Catawissa township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-04-11
Cleveland township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-06-27

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Conyngham township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-07-06
Fishing Creek township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-04-12
Franklin township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-07-05
Greenwood township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-04-10
Hemlock township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-04-11
Jackson township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-06-06
Locust township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-05-04
Madison township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-05-09
Main township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-06-05
Mifflin township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-05-08
Montour township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-04-13
Mount Pleasant township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-04-04
North Centre township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-04-10
Orange township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-04-06
Pine township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-08-08

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Roaring Creek township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-05-09
Scott township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-05-17
South Centre township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-05-08
Sugarloaf township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878)	2023-04-03	2028-04-02	550	FEMA tracker shows a plan in progress	this jurisdiction approved 2023-06-05
Bloomsburg University	College/ University	Plan 108878 approved 2023-04-03, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 108878), pending adoption here	2023-04-03 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2028-04-02 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-a: hazard identification

Hazards NRI does not cover (local data needed)

- dam failure (incl. upstream dams)
- levee failure
- flash flood as its own subtype
- ice jams
- debris flows
- erosion (riverine and coastal)
- land subsidence and sinkholes
- expansive soils

The 18 National Risk Index hazards, ranked by expected annual loss (EAL)

Sources: 5, 6

Rank by EAL	Hazard	NRI risk rating	EAL rating	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL total (see note) <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Storm Events records, 1996 to 2026-06-30 <i>count</i>	Storm Events coverage note
1	Inland Flooding	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$19,630,805	\$37,085	\$135,198	\$19,803,088	46	
2	Strong Wind	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$256,638	\$1,091	\$566,311	\$824,040	196	Includes 11 High Wind and 2 Strong Wind records (NOAA non-thunderstorm wind types, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition).
3	Tornado	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$402,864	\$740	\$376,383	\$779,988	4	
4	Cold Wave	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$260	\$39	\$683,311	\$683,609	5	
5	Hurricane	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$546,783	\$93,883	\$24,364	\$665,030	1	
6	Heat Wave	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	under \$1	\$70	\$459,424	\$459,494	4	
7	Lightning	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$7,143	n/a	\$381,619	\$388,762	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
8	Earthquake	Very Low	Relatively Low	\$255,618	n/a	\$67,785	\$323,403		Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
9	Winter Weather	Relatively Moderate	Relatively High	\$24,927	\$34	\$237,529	\$262,490	64	
10	Ice Storm	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$79,643	n/a	\$10,744	\$90,386	9	
11	Hail	Very Low	Very Low	\$10,682	\$3,940	\$31,852	\$46,475	41	
12	Landslide	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$7,443	n/a	\$10,047	\$17,490	0	Declared 1 time; no Storm Events record of this type.

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13	Wildfire	Very Low	Very Low	\$10,649	\$18	\$2,650	\$13,318	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
14	Avalanche	Very Low	Very Low	\$0	n/a	\$444	\$444	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
15	Drought	No Rating	No Expected Annual Losses	n/a	\$0	n/a	\$0	11	

Total = buildings + agriculture + population equivalence; FEMA values each expected death (or 10 injuries) at \$13.7 million (2024 dollars).
NRI risk rating combines expected annual loss with social vulnerability and community resilience; EAL rating rates expected annual loss alone. Both compare this county with all U.S. counties.
Local data needed: state and local lightning, landslide and wildfire records (Storm Events records these hazards only in part).

Not applicable to this county per NRI, with no federal declaration and no Storm Events record since 1996: coastal flooding, tsunami and volcanic activity. That is the evidence for leaving them out of the plan.
The state hazard mitigation plan also lists hazards for this county; FEMA asks the plan to explain any hazard it leaves out.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-b: hazard location

Affects the whole county (national data give no location within it): Cold Wave, Drought, Hail, Heat Wave, Ice Storm, Lightning, Strong Wind and Winter Weather.
Inland Flooding: The FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is the required location source for flooding. See the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (<https://msc.fema.gov>) for this county.

Hazards that vary within the county: highest-rated census tracts

Source: 5

Hazard	Highest-rated census tracts <i>NRI risk rating, score 0 to 100</i>
Avalanche	tract 514 (Very Low, 36.2); tract 513 (Very Low, 35.0); tract 515 (Very Low, 34.3)
Earthquake	tract 506 (Relatively Low, 70.4); tract 507 (Relatively Low, 60.9); tract 515 (Relatively Low, 44.3)
Hurricane	tract 515 (Relatively Low, 76.8); tract 502 (Relatively Low, 72.5); tract 501 (Relatively Low, 70.3)
Landslide	tract 515 (Relatively Moderate, 97.0); tract 502 (Relatively Moderate, 96.4); tract 501 (Relatively Moderate, 95.7)
Tornado	tract 515 (Relatively Moderate, 54.6); tract 506 (Relatively Low, 52.9); tract 511.01 (Relatively Low, 50.2)
Wildfire	tract 515 (Relatively Low, 79.3); tract 505 (Relatively Low, 74.5); tract 501 (Relatively Low, 69.4)

Up to 3 census tracts per hazard, highest National Risk Index rating first, then highest score; a tract number is the Census tract number (for example 514 is Census Tract 514). FEMA's Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool maps the National Risk Index for every tract: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/practitioners/resilience-analysis-and-planning-tool>

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-c: hazard extent

Extent: scale, observed range and worst recorded event per hazard

Sources: 6, 7

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Avalanche	none (count and damage only)	0					
Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill	wind chill	5 records, 2007 to 2025 (5 zone-level)	2 days; 4 with a recorded value	2 consecutive days, 2025-01-21 to 2025-01-22, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	0					
Drought	U.S. Drought Monitor scale (D0 to D4)	11 records, 1997 to 2025 (11 zone-level)	1 day to 190 days (median 31.5 days); 4 with a recorded value	190 days (about 6.2 months), 2024-11-05 to 2025-05-13, a run of 7 consecutive Storm Events drought records, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	Storm Events enters a drought at D2 or worse east of the Rockies and D3 or worse from the Rockies west (NWS Instruction 10-1605); NRI drought counts D3 and D4 only.
Earthquake	Modified Mercalli (local data)	0					Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	hail size (inches)	49 records, 1980 to 2024	0.75 in to 2.75 in (median 1 in); 49 with a recorded value	2.75 in hail, 1983-07-19		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Bloomsburg town (8 records), Millville borough (5 records), Benton borough (3 records), Benton township (3 records), Berwick borough (3 records), Orangeville borough (3 records), Centralia borough (2 records), Stillwater borough (2 records), Roaring Creek township (1 record).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (in event narratives)	4 records, 2006 to 2025 (4 zone-level)	1 day to 3 days (median 2 days); 4 with a recorded value	3 consecutive days, 2025-06-23 to 2025-06-25, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	1 record, 2003 (1 zone-level)		Strongest recorded: Tropical Storm record, 2003-09-18 to 2003-09-19, damage not reported; NWS zone PAZ053		Countywide (zone-level records).	Storm Events files every zone of a storm's episode under the storm's type; flooding from the storm is filed as Flood or Flash Flood records.
Ice Storm	Sperry-Piltz ice scale (local data)	9 records, 1998 to 2009 (9 zone-level)		No damage reported in 9 records.		Countywide (zone-level records).	

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood	damage and flood days (flood depth: FIRM)	46 records, 1996 to 2025 (7 zone-level)		Flood, 2011-09-07, \$15,500,000 property; \$0 crops (2011 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Bloomsburg town (7 records), Benton borough (6 records), Benton township (6 records), Catawissa borough (6 records), Catawissa township (6 records), Berwick borough (2 records), Roaring Creek township (2 records), Centralia borough (1 record). Zone-level records (7) apply countywide.	Flood depth: see the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map. Storm Events damage is often \$0 or blank for floods, major ones included; FEMA Public Assistance by declaration (B1-d) shows which floods cost the most.
Debris Flow	none (count and damage only)	0					
Lightning	annualized frequency (the measure FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook names)	0					Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties.
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI's Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	13 records, 1999 to 2019 (13 zone-level)	43 kt (49 mph) to 60 kt (69 mph) (median 51 kt (59 mph)); 12 with a recorded value	60 kt (69 mph) estimated gust, High Wind, 2003-11-13; NWS zone PAZ053	High Wind, 2000-12-12, \$13,900 property; crops not reported (zone total, 2000 dollars)	Countywide (zone-level records).	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	224 records, 1966 to 2026	43 kt (49 mph) to 87 kt (100 mph) (median 51 kt (59 mph)); 169 with a recorded value	87 kt (100 mph) estimated gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2024-06-26	Thunderstorm Wind, 1999-08-14, \$50,000 property; crops not reported (1999 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Bloomsburg town (29 records), Catawissa borough (20 records), Catawissa township (20 records), Berwick borough (18 records), Benton borough (14 records), Benton township (14 records), Millville borough (13 records), Orangeville borough (4 records), Stillwater borough (4 records), Briar Creek borough (3 records); and 3 more jurisdictions (see the Excel file).	
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (Fujita before Feb 2007)	9 records, 1964 to 2019	F/EF0 to F/EF2 (median F/EF1); 9 with a recorded value	F2 tornado, 1982-04-17, 4 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 30 yd wide, \$25,000 property; crops not recorded (1982 dollars), 1 direct injury	Tornado, 1994-06-27, \$500,000 property; crops not recorded (1994 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Benton borough (1 record), Benton township (1 record), Bloomsburg town (1 record), Catawissa borough (1 record), Catawissa township (1 record), Millville borough (1 record).	Before 1996 a tornado is listed once, under the county where it began, with its whole path's rating and length; from 1996 on, each county lists its own segment. Length is not used to rank tornadoes (see Methods).

Hazard	Scale	Records <i>count and years</i>	Observed range	Worst recorded event	Most damaging (when different)	How it applies to jurisdictions	Note
Wildfire	acres burned (local data)	0					
Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake- Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet	none in data (snowfall: local data)	64 records, 1996 to 2026 (64 zone-level)		Winter Weather, 2025-12-26, \$40,000 property; \$0 crops (2025 dollars); NWS zone PAZ053		Countywide (zone-level records).	

Where a hazard names more than 10 jurisdictions, the table lists the 10 with the most records; every one is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-c Extent".

In event narratives only (local data needed): wind chill, temperature, heat index, ice thickness, acres burned and snow depth; any physical measure of avalanche, debris flow and lightning.

Storm Events records are more complete after 1996; before 1996 only Tornado (from 1950), Hail and Thunderstorm Wind (from 1955) exist. Zone-level records from zones that no NWS zone-county file places in this county (mostly before 2020) are not counted here (the Methods page explains the zone matching).

Dollars are nominal (as reported), labeled with the year; not adjusted for inflation.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-d: previous occurrences

Federal declarations for this county: 20 declarations covering 15 separate hazard incidents counted in this packet (declarations for the same incident count once; non-natural and evacuation-only declarations are not counted).

Federal disaster declarations for this county

Sources: 1, 2, 3

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Notes
2020-03-30	2020-01-20	DR-4506-PA	Major disaster	COVID-19 Pandemic	Non-natural, not counted	\$481,220.38	
2020-03-13	2020-01-20	EM-3441-PA	Emergency	COVID-19	Non-natural, not counted	no Public Assistance recorded	same incident as DR-4506
2018-11-27	2018-08-10	DR-4408-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	\$3,033,892.68	
2012-10-29	2012-10-26	EM-3356-PA	Emergency	Hurricane Sandy	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded	
2011-09-12	2011-09-03	DR-4030-PA	Major disaster	Tropical Storm Lee	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Hurricane	\$5,466,381.27	
2011-09-08	2011-09-03	EM-3340-PA	Emergency	Remnants of Tropical Storm Lee	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded	same incident as DR-4030
2006-06-30	2006-06-23	DR-1649-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Flooding, and Mudslides	Inland Flooding; Landslide	\$3,685,863.18	
2005-09-10	2005-08-29	EM-3235-PA	Emergency	Hurricane Katrina	Hurricane: evacuation support, not a local hazard event; not counted	no Public Assistance recorded	
2005-04-14	2005-04-02	DR-1587-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	\$173,840.73	

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance	Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	
2004-09-19	2004-09-17	DR-1557-PA	Major disaster	Tropical Depression Ivan	Hurricane	\$461,867.12	
2004-09-19	2004-09-08	DR-1555-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding Associated with Tropical Depression Frances	Hurricane; Inland Flooding: designated for Hazard Mitigation only (no Public or Individual Assistance for this county); not counted	PA not declared for this county	
2003-03-14	2003-02-14	EM-3180-PA	Emergency	Snow	Winter Weather	\$79,696.90	
1996-01-21	1996-01-19	DR-1093-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded	
1996-01-13	1996-01-06	DR-1085-PA	Major disaster	Blizzard of 96	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded	
1994-03-10	1994-01-04	DR-1015-PA	Major disaster	Severe Winter Storms	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded	
1993-03-16	1993-03-13	EM-3105-PA	Emergency	Severe Snowfall & Winter Storm	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded	
1976-10-20	1976-10-20	DR-523-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded	
1975-09-26	1975-09-26	DR-485-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Heavy Rains & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded	
1973-07-17	1973-07-17	DR-400-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms & Flooding	Inland Flooding	no Public Assistance recorded	
1972-06-23	1972-06-23	DR-340-PA	Major disaster	Tropical Storm Agnes	Inland Flooding (primary); also designated: Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded	

County Public Assistance: applicants the FEMA record places in this county, including any state agencies FEMA files there; statewide rows are listed on the state page; federal share obligated, nominal dollars.

Statewide declarations

Source: 2

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard
2003-08-23	2003-07-21	DR-1485-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Tornado
1959-01-23	1959-01-23	DR-89-PA	Major disaster	Floods	Inland Flooding
1956-08-09	1956-08-09	DR-61-PA	Major disaster	Storm	Hazard not mapped (severe storm title names no single hazard); not counted
1956-05-21	1956-05-21	DR-58-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storm	Hazard not mapped (severe storm title names no single hazard); not counted
1956-03-15	1956-03-15	DR-51-PA	Major disaster	Flood	Inland Flooding
1955-08-20	1955-08-20	DR-40-PA	Major disaster	Floods & Rains	Inland Flooding

FEMA recorded these with designated area Statewide and no county, so they are listed on every county page in the state and not counted with county rows. Local data needed: whether each one affected this county.

Public Assistance filed under this county for declarations that do not list it: 2 rows, \$20,166.54

Sources: 2, 3

FEMA number	Declared	Title	Applicant	PA obligated <i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>
DR-4267-PA	2016-03-23	Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm	Londonderry, Township of (Columbia County)	\$10,927.58
DR-1898-PA	2010-04-16	Severe Winter Storms and Snowstorms	Londonderry, Township of (Columbia County)	\$9,238.96

FEMA's Public Assistance summaries file these applicants under this county, but FEMA's declaration rows for these disasters do not designate it (an electric cooperative or district serving several counties, for example). Not in any declaration row above and not counted.

Previous occurrences by hazard, with explicit no-event rows

Sources: 2, 6, 7

Hazard	Storm Events records, all years on file <i>(years in the Period column)</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	In the 12 months before plan approval <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents, all years <i>separate disasters</i>	Declared since approval <i>separate disasters</i>	Period	Statement
Avalanche	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Cold Wave	5	1	0	1	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Drought	11	7	0	7	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Earthquake	0	0	0	0	0	0		Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	49	3	0	3	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	4	1	0	1	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Hurricane	1	0	0	0	4	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Ice Storm	9	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	46	2	0	2	9	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	0	0	0	0	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No Storm Events records of this type; 1 federal declared incident (see declarations table)
Lightning	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Strong Wind	237	25	7	35	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 11 High Wind and 2 Strong Wind records.
Tornado	9	0	0	0	0	0	1950 to 2026-06-30	

Hazard	Storm Events records, all years on file <i>(years in the Period column)</i>	Since plan approval <i>records</i>	In the 12 months before plan approval <i>records</i>	Last 5 years <i>records</i>	Declared incidents, all years <i>separate disasters</i>	Declared since approval <i>separate disasters</i>	Period	Statement
Wildfire	0	0	0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Winter Weather	64	5	1	7	4	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	

Notable Storm Events records

Sources: 1, 6, 7

Date	Event type	Magnitude or extent	Damage <i>nominal dollars</i>	Deaths, injuries <i>direct only</i>	Location	Flags	Why listed
2025-12-26	Winter Weather		\$40,000 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2025 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone PAZ053 (COLUMBIA), zone-level	new since last plan; within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet
2025-06-23	Excessive Heat		\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2025 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone PAZ053 (COLUMBIA), zone-level	new since last plan; within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Excessive Heat, Heat
2025-01-21	Cold/Wind Chill		\$0 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2025 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone PAZ053 (COLUMBIA), zone-level	new since last plan; within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
2024-07-15	Thunderstorm Wind	52 kt (60 mph) estimated gust	\$0 property; \$0 crops (2024 dollars)	0, 2	BENTON	new since last plan; within last 5 years	deaths or injuries recorded
2024-06-26	Thunderstorm Wind	87 kt (100 mph) estimated gust	\$30,000 property; \$0 crops (2024 dollars)	0, 0	BRIAR CREEK	new since last plan; within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2016-08-16	Thunderstorm Wind	52 kt (60 mph) estimated gust	\$6,000 property; \$0 crops (2016 dollars)	0, 4	ROARING CREEK		deaths or injuries recorded
2011-09-07	Flood		\$15,500,000 property; \$0 crops (2011 dollars)	0, 0	CATAWISSA to CENTRALIA		B1-c worst recorded: Flash Flood, Flood, Lakeshore Flood
2005-07-13	Thunderstorm Wind	75 kt (86 mph) estimated gust	damage not reported	0, 2	BENTON		deaths or injuries recorded
2003-11-13	High Wind	60 kt (69 mph) estimated gust	damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone PAZ053 (COLUMBIA), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind
2003-09-18	Tropical Storm		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone PAZ053 (COLUMBIA), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression
1983-07-19	Hail	2.75 in	damage not recorded (pre-1996 record)	0, 0	location not recorded		B1-c worst recorded: Hail
1982-04-17	Tornado	F2, 4 mi path length (whole path, pre-1996), 30 yd wide	\$25,000 property; crops not recorded (1982 dollars)	0, 1	location not recorded		B1-c worst recorded: Tornado

The full list is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (435 rows).

Location is the place NOAA recorded, as written in its data; it need not be a jurisdiction in this plan.

Local data needed: state-declared emergencies, from your state emergency management agency (federal data do not include them).

FEMA's declaration data list no tribal or special-area declarations for this state.

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-e: probability of future events

Probability: FEMA annualized frequency and descriptor per hazard

Sources: 5, 6

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area-weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Avalanche	0.01	events per year	about 1 in 100 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	0	1994 to 2023 (30 years)	see B1-f	0.01 is NRI's minimum avalanche frequency for a county in an avalanche susceptibility zone; NRI records no avalanche here, so the descriptor reflects the floor, not local events.
Cold Wave	1.58	event-days per year	about 1.58 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 4 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (13.3%)	30	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Drought	0	event-days per year	none modeled	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 5 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (16.7%)	0	2000 to 2025 (25.25 years; D3 and D4 only)	countywide	NRI models no drought event-days here (2000 to 2025, 25.25 years; D3 and D4 only); Storm Events has a record in 5 of 30 years. The descriptor comes from Storm Events, which counts D2 drought that NRI leaves out.
Earthquake	0.000659	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor-damage shaking in a year: 0.0659%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor (Storm Events does not record earthquakes).
Hail	1.91	events per year	about 1.91 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	72.6 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	2.84	event-days per year	about 2.84 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 3 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (10%)	47	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Hurricane	0.037	events per year	about 1 in 27 years	Possible	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	10	1851 to 2024 (Atlantic)	see B1-f	NRI counts hurricane and tropical storm tracks passing within storm-force wind range; federal declarations are in B1-d.
Ice Storm	0.725	event-days per year	about 0.725 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 8 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (26.7%)	49	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	1.39	event-days per year	about 1.39 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 17 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (56.7%)	39	1996 to 2023 (28 years)	see B1-f	

Hazard	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) <i>unit per row</i>	Unit	In plain terms	Descriptor	Descriptor basis	NRI events or days in its record period (hail, wind and tornado are area- weighted, so can be fractional)	NRI period	Location	Note
Landslide	0.545	events per year (modeled)	about 0.55 per year	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	33.4	days per year with a strike	about 33.4 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	3.45	events per year	about 3.45 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	132	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	0.203	events per year	about 1 in 5 years	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1950 to 2023 (EF2+); 1986 to 2023 (EF0-1)	see B1-f	
Wildfire	0.000128	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.0128%		Storm Events records in 0 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (0%)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor: no Storm Events record 1996 to 2025
Winter Weather	13.2	event-days per year	about 13.2 days per year	Highly likely	Storm Events event-days in 27 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (90%)	250	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	

FEMA annualized frequency (modeled) is the National Risk Index v1.20 (December 2025) estimate of how often a hazard affects this county in a year; it is not recorded events divided by years, and its unit differs by hazard (events, event-days, or days with a lightning strike per year). For earthquake, wildfire, coastal flooding and tsunami the value is the chance (or number of events) at a location in the county, not across the county, so no "1 in N years" is given and the descriptor comes from Storm Events where it has a record (none for earthquake). The Methods page gives each hazard's method, from FEMA's National Risk Index Technical Documentation v1.20.

Where NRI gives event-days, the descriptor comes from the share of years with a Storm Events record; NRI's source records more events, so the two differ.

Descriptor scale used in this packet (defined per unit)

Sources: 5, 6

Unit	Descriptor	Definition
events per year	Highly likely	1 or more per year
events per year	Likely	about once in 1 to 10 years
events per year	Possible	about once in 10 to 100 years
events per year	Unlikely	less than once in 100 years
annual probability	Likely	10% to under 100% chance in a given year
annual probability	Possible	1% to under 10% chance in a given year
annual probability	Unlikely	under 1% chance in a given year
event-days (share of years)	Highly likely	event-days recorded in 90% or more of years
event-days (share of years)	Likely	event-days recorded in 10% to under 90% of years
event-days (share of years)	Possible	event-days recorded in some years but under 10% of years
lightning strike-days	Highly likely	cloud-to-ground strikes on 1 or more days per year

Intensity bands: historical frequency (Storm Events)

Source: 6

Hazard	Band	Years	Events <i>county-coded records</i>	Years in period	Events per year <i>events / years</i>
Hail	1.00-1.99 in	1996 to 2025	20	30	0.667
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	2	30	0.0667
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	153	30	5.1
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	10	30	0.333
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	18	30	0.6
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	3	30	0.1
Tornado	EF2-3	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Tornado	EF4-5	1996 to 2025	0	30	0
Tornado	unrated (EFU)	1996 to 2025	0	30	0

The bands show how often events of each severity were recorded in this county, to profile how severe events have been (FEMA's probability item asks for the range of intensities).

Hail smaller than 1 inch is not counted: on 2010-01-05 the National Weather Service raised its severe-hail threshold from 3/4 inch to 1 inch, so smaller reports became less common after 2009 (NWS Service Change Notice 09-52). NRI hail frequency uses a 0.75 inch threshold.

Optional: future conditions. Not a required item in the 2025 FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide; some states ask for it. The federal Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation (CMRA) site gives county exposure to future climate conditions (<https://resilience.climate.gov/>).

Supports FEMA checklist item B1-f: hazards that vary across jurisdictions

Range of census tract risk within the county

Source: 5

Hazard	Tracts <i>rated of all</i>	NRI risk score, 0 to 100			Tracts by rating
		Min	Median	Max	
Avalanche	6 of 16	30.8	34.2	36.2	Very Low 6, Not Applicable 10
Cold Wave	16 of 16	28.6	45.2	55.2	Relatively Moderate 7, Relatively Low 9
Drought	0 of 16				No Rating 16
Earthquake	16 of 16	16.6	36.3	70.4	Relatively Low 3, Very Low 13
Hail	16 of 16	22.5	34.8	44.5	Relatively Low 6, Very Low 10
Heat Wave	16 of 16	15.0	39.6	52.9	Relatively Low 15, Very Low 1
Hurricane	16 of 16	52.7	65.9	76.8	Relatively Low 16
Ice Storm	16 of 16	7.6	56.7	71.1	Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 11, Very Low 4
Inland Flooding	16 of 16	13.0	85.9	95.0	Relatively High 10, Relatively Moderate 3, Relatively Low 2, Very Low 1
Landslide	16 of 16	18.7	82.0	97.0	Relatively Moderate 3, Relatively Low 5, Very Low 8
Lightning	16 of 16	43.7	73.4	84.5	Relatively High 6, Relatively Moderate 9, Relatively Low 1
Strong Wind	16 of 16	55.5	79.1	89.0	Relatively High 6, Relatively Moderate 10
Tornado	16 of 16	31.1	45.3	54.6	Relatively Moderate 1, Relatively Low 15
Wildfire	16 of 16	26.6	52.6	79.3	Relatively Low 3, Very Low 13
Winter Weather	16 of 16	71.9	89.9	94.3	Relatively High 15, Relatively Moderate 1

Rated tracts only: No Rating (score 0.0), Not Applicable and Insufficient Data tracts are counted but not used for the minimum, median and maximum.

The score ranks a tract against all U.S. tracts (100 = highest). The rating is FEMA's category for the tract's risk value, computed differently, so the two can disagree.

Frequency data for cold wave, hail, heat wave, ice storm, lightning, strong wind and winter weather are county-wide or coarse (49 km grid or NWS zone), the same for every jurisdiction; the tract range mostly reflects where buildings and people are.

Each jurisdiction (starting figures from federal data)

Sources: 1, 3, 4, 6

Jurisdiction	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss <i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction <i>FEMA records matched by applicant name; federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	Event records naming this place <i>all years; since its plan</i>	Notes
Columbia County	County	Approved, expires 2028-04-02		\$1,734,830.34	0 total; 0 since its plan	No NFIP community ID on this jurisdiction's plan row.
Benton borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 0, SRL 1; any 17	no Public Assistance recorded	24 total; 2 since its plan	
Berwick borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 0, SRL 1; any 3	\$60,766.40	23 total; 1 since its plan	
Bloomsburg town	Town	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 34, SRL 25; any 184	\$1,072,607.43	45 total; 0 since its plan	
Briar Creek borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 1, SRL 0; any 1	\$23,739.01	3 total; 2 since its plan	
Catawissa borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 3, SRL 5; any 10	\$355,844.18	27 total; 0 since its plan	
Centralia borough	Organized Borough	No approved plan on record	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$2,193.75	3 total; no approved plan	
Millville borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$26,254.83	19 total; 1 since its plan	
Orangeville borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 1, SRL 0; any 1	\$12,123.40	7 total; 1 since its plan	
Stillwater borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 1, SRL 0; any 8	\$179,338.35	6 total; 2 since its plan	
Beaver township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$66,003.65	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Benton township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 1, SRL 3; any 9	\$1,418,603.07	24 total; 2 since its plan	
Briar Creek township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 3	\$385,711.24	3 total; 2 since its plan	
Catawissa township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 1, SRL 0; any 1	\$290,698.31	27 total; 0 since its plan	
Cleveland township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 1, SRL 0; any 5	no Public Assistance recorded	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Conyngham township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$33,785.44	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Fishing Creek township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 12, SRL 5; any 25	\$379,319.12	0 total; 0 since its plan	

Jurisdiction	Type	Plan status	Repetitive loss	Public Assistance to this jurisdiction	Event records naming this place	Notes
			<i>FMA RL and SRL (44 CFR 77.2); repeat-flood, any definition</i>	<i>FEMA records matched by applicant name; federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>	<i>all years; since its plan</i>	
Franklin township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 0, SRL 1; any 16	\$186,205.37	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Greenwood township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 6	\$517,614.08	1 total; 0 since its plan	
Hemlock township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 20, SRL 5; any 42	\$790,477.80	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Jackson township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$397,156.44	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Locust township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 1, SRL 0; any 4	\$73,344.30	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Madison township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$119,529.67	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Main township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 1, SRL 0; any 3	\$101,489.22	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Mifflin township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 3, SRL 3; any 3	\$30,933.32	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Montour township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 3, SRL 4; any 11	\$367,420.85	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Mount Pleasant township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 2, SRL 1; any 7	\$161,995.82	0 total; 0 since its plan	
North Centre township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$142,911.31	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Orange township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 2, SRL 2; any 13	\$378,053.11	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Pine township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$103,757.23	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Roaring Creek township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$47,937.12	5 total; 1 since its plan	
Scott township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 5, SRL 5; any 25	\$359,823.46	0 total; 0 since its plan	
South Centre township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$74,916.57	0 total; 0 since its plan	
Sugarloaf township	Township	Approved, expires 2028-04-02	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$263,458.44	0 total; 0 since its plan	

Repetitive-loss counts are for whole NFIP communities, which can extend beyond this county (see the note in B2-c).

School districts and special districts get a plan clock row only.

County Public Assistance in B1-d also includes applicants filed under the county that are not jurisdictions in this plan (for example state agencies, special districts and nonprofits), so the jurisdiction rows add up to less.

Supports FEMA checklist items B2-a and B2-b: vulnerability and potential impacts

Local data needed

The table below gives county-level starting figures; the plan describes impacts for each jurisdiction and its own assets.

- Critical facilities and lifelines per hazard
- A problem statement per jurisdiction per hazard
- Changes in development in hazard-prone areas since the last approval, or a statement of none (E1-a)
- Future assets

County-level starter: exposure, expected annual loss and damage since the plan

Sources: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year; not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2023-04-03 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Avalanche	\$0	n/a	under 1	\$0	n/a	\$444					building exposure is 0 in NRI
Cold Wave	\$14,285,156,373	\$86,643,435	64,676	\$260	\$39	\$683,311	under 0.0001%		\$0		
Drought	n/a	\$0	n/a	n/a	\$0	n/a			\$0		agriculture exposure is 0 in NRI
Earthquake	\$25,195,810,392	n/a	64,727	\$255,618	n/a	\$67,785	0.00101%				
Hail	\$14,285,156,373	\$86,643,435	64,676	\$10,682	\$3,940	\$31,852	under 0.0001%	\$0			
Heat Wave	\$14,285,156,373	\$86,643,435	64,676	under \$1	\$70	\$459,424	under 0.0001%		\$0		
Hurricane	\$14,282,849,709	\$86,188,805	64,651	\$546,783	\$93,883	\$24,364	0.00383%				
Ice Storm	\$14,244,918,816	n/a	64,585	\$79,643	n/a	\$10,744	0.000559%				
Inland Flooding	\$14,270,342,453	\$4,230,079	4,542	\$19,630,805	\$37,085	\$135,198	n/a (see note)	\$0			NRI counts the full building value of any census block with some flood loss; this is not the value of buildings in the floodplain. Use local FIRM overlays for B2-a/B2-b.
Landslide	\$672,776,089	n/a	3,540	\$7,443	n/a	\$10,047	0.00111%				
Lightning	\$14,285,156,373	n/a	64,676	\$7,143	n/a	\$381,619	under 0.0001%				
Strong Wind	\$14,285,156,373	\$86,643,435	64,676	\$256,638	\$1,091	\$566,311	0.0018%	\$158,500			
Tornado	\$14,285,156,373	\$86,643,435	64,676	\$402,864	\$740	\$376,383	0.00282%				

Hazard	Building exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Agriculture exposure <i>modeled dollars</i>	Population exposed <i>people</i>	EAL buildings <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	EAL agriculture <i>modeled dollars per year</i>	Cost of expected deaths and injuries <i>FEMA's dollar value per year, not property damage</i>	EAL as % of exposure <i>buildings; agriculture where noted</i>	Storm Events damage since 2023-04-03 <i>county-coded records, property plus crops, nominal dollars</i>	Zone-level damage since plan <i>property plus crops, reported for the zone</i>	Public Assistance since plan <i>nominal dollars; see note</i>	Note
Wildfire	\$2,761,357,896	\$18,753,073	13,276	\$10,649	\$18	\$2,650	0.000386%				
Winter Weather	\$14,285,156,373	\$86,643,435	64,676	\$24,927	\$34	\$237,529	0.000174%		\$55,000		

Totals since 2023-04-03 (Storm Events through 2026-06-30): 30 county-coded records, 30 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$158,500; 14 zone-level records, 14 with a damage value recorded (including \$0), \$55,000 reported for the zone; Public Assistance: no counted declaration since the plan.

FEMA does not split Public Assistance by hazard. A declaration mapped to several hazards is listed under each of them with its full amount, so the per-hazard column does not add up to the total; the unit total counts each declaration once.

NRI computes earthquake exposure on its own basis, so it exceeds the county building value in B2-a.

Supports FEMA checklist item B2-a: vulnerability (county context)

County context

Source: 5

Measure	Value
Population	64,676
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$14,285,156,373
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$86,643,435
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Relatively Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$21,370,354
Expected annual loss, population equivalence, all hazards (NRI values each statistical life at \$13.7M; a modeled value of expected deaths and injuries, not property damage)	\$2,987,662
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively Low
Community resilience rating	Very High
NRI version	December 2025

FEMA's all-hazard expected annual loss adds buildings, agriculture and population equivalence; this table gives the property part and the population-equivalence part as separate rows.

Social vulnerability: higher means people are more likely to be harmed and slower to recover. Community resilience: lower means the community is less able to recover. High social vulnerability and low resilience both raise the NRI risk rating.

Supports FEMA checklist item B2-c: repetitive loss properties

Repetitive loss in this county, both definitions

Sources: 1, 4

Definition	Properties	Severe repetitive loss	Properties
Repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	92	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	61
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	353	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	37

The state NFIP coordinator's list, the source FEMA's Handbook names, often uses the NFIP insurance definition (second row).

Repeat-flood properties: county and state-level rows

Sources: 1, 4

Scope	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
County total	92	61	353	37	400	39	111
of which: Berwick borough	0	1	3	1	3	0	2
of which: Bloomsburg town	34	25	168	15	184	14	56
of which: Briar Creek borough	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
of which: Catawissa borough	3	5	6	2	10	3	0
of which: Catawissa township	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
of which: Franklin township	0	1	15	0	16	0	1
of which: Hemlock Township of	20	5	30	1	42	11	6
of which: Orangeville borough	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
of which: Cleveland township	1	0	4	0	5	1	2
of which: Locust township	1	0	4	0	4	0	0
of which: Montour township	3	4	8	2	11	3	3
of which: Orange township	2	2	12	2	13	0	3
of which: Scott township	5	5	21	2	25	3	14
of which: Benton township	1	3	9	3	9	0	4
of which: Mount Pleasant township	2	1	7	1	7	0	3
of which: Mifflin township	3	3	3	3	3	0	1
of which: Benton borough	0	1	17	1	17	0	4
of which: Stillwater borough	1	0	8	0	8	0	4
of which: Briar Creek township	0	0	3	0	3	0	2
of which: Fishing Creek township	12	5	21	4	25	4	4
of which: Greenwood township	0	0	6	0	6	0	2
of which: Madison township	0	0	1	0	1	0	0

Scope	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
of which: Main township	1	0	3	0	3	0	0
of which: Sugarloaf township	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
of which: Unknown (community ID Unknown in FEMA data)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Statewide, no county in FEMA's file	0	0	1	0	1	0	0

The statewide row counts properties FEMA's file gives with no county in this state; they are listed for reference and are not in this county's counts.

Repeat-flood properties by jurisdiction in the plan (NFIP community)

Sources: 1, 4

Jurisdiction	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
Benton borough	421543	0	1	17	1	17	0	4
Berwick borough	420338	0	1	3	1	3	0	2
Bloomsburg town	420339	34	25	168	15	184	14	56
Briar Creek borough	420340	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Catawissa borough	420341	3	5	6	2	10	3	0
Centralia borough	421544	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Millville borough	421545	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orangeville borough	420345	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Stillwater borough	421546	1	0	8	0	8	0	4
Beaver township	421547	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benton township	421037	1	3	9	3	9	0	4
Briar Creek township	421548	0	0	3	0	3	0	2
Catawissa township	420342	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Cleveland township	421000	1	0	4	0	5	1	2
Conyngham township	421549	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fishing Creek township	421550	12	5	21	4	25	4	4
Franklin township	420343	0	1	15	0	16	0	1
Greenwood township	421551	0	0	6	0	6	0	2
Hemlock township	420344	20	5	30	1	42	11	6
Jackson township	421552	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Locust township	421001	1	0	4	0	4	0	0
Madison township	421553	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Main township	421554	1	0	3	0	3	0	0
Mifflin township	421167	3	3	3	3	3	0	1
Montour township	421002	3	4	8	2	11	3	3
Mount Pleasant township	421042	2	1	7	1	7	0	3

Jurisdiction	NFIP community ID	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
North Centre township	421555	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange township	421003	2	2	12	2	13	0	3
Pine township	421556	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roaring Creek township	421557	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scott township	421004	5	5	21	2	25	3	14
South Centre township	421137	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sugarloaf township	421558	0	0	1	0	1	0	0

Counts by occupancy group for each jurisdiction are in the Excel file, sheet "B2-c Jurisdictions".

Jurisdiction rows are whole NFIP communities and need not add up to the county total: a community that extends into another county is counted in full on each jurisdiction row, while the county table counts only its part in this county.

County repeat-flood properties by occupancy group

Sources: 1, 4

Occupancy group	RL, FMA <i>properties</i>	SRL, FMA <i>properties</i>	RL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	SRL, NFIP <i>properties</i>	Any category <i>properties</i>	Mitigated <i>properties</i>	Currently insured <i>properties</i>
single-family residential	83	48	272	27	316	36	94
2 to 4 unit residential	5	3	36	3	36	0	8
other residential	1	1	3	1	3	0	1
non-residential	3	9	42	6	45	3	8
not reported	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FEMA's occupancy groups have no institutional class; institutional properties are counted in non-residential or other residential in the table by occupancy group.

FMA RL and FMA SRL are the Flood Mitigation Assistance definitions (44 CFR 77.2), the ones the FEMA Local Mitigation Planning Policy Guide cites. NFIP repetitive loss (the FEMA insurance definition) is 2 or more claims over \$1,000 in 10 years, and a property can leave that group once it is mitigated. Also shown: NFIP severe repetitive loss, any category, mitigated and currently insured. The Methods page gives the OpenFEMA field details.

Counts are aggregates of FEMA's public NFIP Multiple Loss Properties file (FEMA's data date 2026-08-02; file version 2026-08-04). No property is identified. County assignment is FEMA's geocode.

In this county 39 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 300 properties are NFIP repetitive loss but not FMA repetitive loss.

Exact counts; no count suppression.

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What this packet is and what the plan adds

This packet is the federal data for the plan's risk assessment (the summary on page 1 says how it is organized); the plan and FEMA's review decide whether each item is met.

The plan adds what only the community has: local data on assets, critical facilities, development and each jurisdiction's impacts; local hazard history, including state-declared emergencies; the mitigation strategy; and adoption.

How the federal data are built: National Risk Index values are FEMA's model, not counts of events. Storm Events is more complete from 1996; zone-level records are placed by forecast zone, not by location in the county. Public Assistance for a jurisdiction is matched by applicant name. The Methods page gives every rule and the known edge cases.

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