

Wayne County, PA

Risk-assessment baseline packet

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Summary

Plan status as of 2026-09-30: Approved, expires 2031-09-07. Plan: Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), approved 2026-09-08.

Since the plan was approved on 2026-09-08: no new hazard declaration; details under "What changed since your last plan".

Highest expected annual loss (FEMA National Risk Index, modeled total; see B1-a): Inland Flooding (\$12,669,231 a year), Cold Wave (\$1,465,937) and Hurricane (\$1,037,629).

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; 42127 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 2031-09-07	Plan:	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813)
Approved:	2026-09-08	Days to expiry:	1,803
What changed since your last plan (approved 2026-09-08)			
New federal declarations:	none	Storm Events records since approval:	not yet covered: Storm Events data run through 2026-06-30, before the approval date, so there is no period to count yet
Repetitive loss now:	FMA RL 7, SRL 5 (44 CFR 77.2); any definition: 35	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: 29 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
Wayne County	County	Approved, expires 2031-09-07	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813)	2026-09-08	2031-09-07	1,803		this jurisdiction approved 2026-09-17
Bethany borough	Organized Borough	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Hawley borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2031-09-07	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813)	2026-09-08	2031-09-07	1,803		this jurisdiction approved 2026-09-09
Honesdale borough	Organized Borough	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Prompton borough	Organized Borough	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Starrucca borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2031-09-07	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813)	2026-09-08	2031-09-07	1,803		this jurisdiction approved 2026-09-09
Waymart borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2031-09-07	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813)	2026-09-08	2031-09-07	1,803		
Berlin township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Buckingham township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Canaan township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.

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Cherry Ridge township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Clinton township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Damascus township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Dreher township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Dyberry township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Lake township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Lebanon township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Lehigh township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Manchester township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Mount Pleasant township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.

Jurisdiction	Type	Status	Plan	Approved	Expires	Days to expiry	Update underway	Notes
						<i>negative = days since expiry</i>		
Oregon township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Palmyra township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Paupack township	Township	Approved, expires 2031-09-07	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813)	2026-09-08	2031-09-07	1,803		this jurisdiction approved 2026-09-10
Preston township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Salem township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Scott township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
South Canaan township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Sterling township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 once adopted		FEMA tracker shows a plan approvable pending adoption	Not yet eligible: adopt the approved plan.
Texas township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan (FEMA plan 111813), pending adoption here	2026-09-08 by FEMA; not yet adopted here	2031-09-07 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 Low	Relatively Low	\$12,226,022	\$937	\$442,271	\$12,669,231	67	
2	Cold Wave	Relatively Low	Relatively Moderate	\$913	\$11,040	\$1,453,985	\$1,465,937	11	Includes 1 Frost/Freeze record (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition; counted in this table and in B1-d, not in the B1-e descriptor).
3	Hurricane	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$979,775	\$33,675	\$24,179	\$1,037,629	0	Declared 7 times; no Storm Events record of this type.
4	Strong Wind	Relatively Moderate	Relatively Moderate	\$252,975	\$196	\$501,648	\$754,819	170	Includes 19 High Wind and 2 Strong Wind records (NOAA non-thunderstorm wind types, outside NRI's Strong Wind definition).
5	Tornado	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$261,735	\$211	\$217,921	\$479,867	10	
6	Lightning	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$7,382	n/a	\$230,539	\$237,921	5	
7	Earthquake	Very Low	Very Low	\$198,124	n/a	\$25,039	\$223,163		Storm Events does not record earthquakes.
8	Heat Wave	Very Low	Very Low	under \$1	\$1,362	\$136,467	\$137,830	4	
9	Winter Weather	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$22,282	\$19	\$48,444	\$70,745	107	
10	Hail	Very Low	Very Low	\$10,972	\$34,271	\$16,180	\$61,424	49	
11	Ice Storm	Relatively Low	Relatively Low	\$40,756	n/a	\$9,976	\$50,732	5	
12	Landslide	Relatively Low	Very Low	\$1,939	n/a	\$6,052	\$7,991	0	Declared 1 time; no Storm Events record of this type.

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
13	Wildfire	Very Low	Very Low	\$5,602	\$5	\$1,315	\$6,923	0	No recorded events in Storm Events since 1996 (data through 2026-06-30).
14	Avalanche	Very Low	Very Low	under \$1	n/a	\$141	\$141	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	5	

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 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 9602 (Very Low, 22.4); tract 9601 (Very Low, 20.6); tract 9605 (Very Low, 18.6)
Earthquake	tract 9607 (Relatively Low, 53.9); tract 9606 (Relatively Low, 49.3); tract 9609 (Relatively Low, 47.1)
Hurricane	tract 9609 (Relatively Moderate, 80.3); tract 9607 (Relatively Moderate, 80.3); tract 9606 (Relatively Moderate, 80.0)
Landslide	tract 9602 (Relatively Low, 95.1); tract 9605 (Relatively Low, 93.7); tract 9601 (Relatively Low, 93.1)
Tornado	tract 9609 (Relatively Low, 52.5); tract 9607 (Relatively Low, 48.3); tract 9606 (Relatively Low, 48.2)
Wildfire	tract 9609 (Relatively Low, 69.4); tract 9611.01 (Very Low, 65.3); tract 9606 (Very Low, 64.4)

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 9602 is Census Tract 9602). 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	10 records, 1996 to 2026 (10 zone-level)	1 day to 2 days (median 1 day); 10 with a recorded value	2 consecutive days, 2005-01-21 to 2005-01-22, zone-level	Cold/Wind Chill, 2004-01-15, \$10,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 2004 dollars)	Countywide (zone-level records).	
Frost/Freeze (outside NRI's Cold Wave definition)	crop damage	1 record, 2026 (1 zone-level)		Frost/Freeze, 2026-04-19, \$3,750,000 crop damage (2026 dollars); NWS zone PAZ040		Countywide (zone-level records).	
Drought	U.S. Drought Monitor scale (D0 to D4)	5 records, 1997 to 2024 (5 zone-level)	30 days to 36 days (median 31 days); 4 with a recorded value	36 days (about 1.2 months), 2024-11-12 to 2024-12-17, a run of 2 consecutive Storm Events drought records, zone-level	Drought, 1997-08-01, property not reported; \$200,000 crops (zone total, 1997 dollars)	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)	55 records, 1985 to 2023	0.75 in to 2.75 in (median 1 in); 55 with a recorded value	2.75 in hail, 1985-06-24	Hail, 1998-09-07, \$25,000 property; crops not reported (1998 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Honesdale borough (11 records), Hawley borough (3 records), South Canaan township (3 records), Sterling township (1 record), Waymart borough (1 record).	
Excessive Heat, Heat	heat index (in event narratives)	4 records, 2001 to 2012 (4 zone-level)	3 days to 10 days (median 6.5 days); 2 with a recorded value	10 consecutive days, 2001-08-01 to 2001-08-10, zone-level		Countywide (zone-level records).	Heat records from November to March (unseasonable warmth, not a heat wave) are counted but not used for the longest run.
Hurricane, Tropical Storm, Tropical Depression	Saffir-Simpson	0					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)	5 records, 1998 to 2001 (5 zone-level)		No damage reported in 5 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)	67 records, 1996 to 2025 (6 zone-level)		Flash Flood, 2006-06-27, \$50,000,000 property; crops not reported (2006 dollars), 1 direct death		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Honesdale borough (6 records), Hawley borough (4 records), Damascus township (2 records), Sterling township (2 records), Waymart borough (2 records), Bethany borough (1 record), Prompton borough (1 record). Zone-level records (6) 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)	5 records, 2000 to 2026		Lightning, 2026-06-12, \$20,000 property; \$0 crops (2026 dollars)		No event record names a jurisdiction in the plan.	Storm Events lists lightning with damage or casualties.
High Wind and Strong Wind (outside NRI's Strong Wind definition)	wind speed (kt and mph)	21 records, 1996 to 2019 (21 zone-level)	45 kt (52 mph) to 61 kt (70 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 13 with a recorded value	61 kt (70 mph) estimated gust, High Wind, 2012-10-29; NWS zone PAZ072	High Wind, 1999-09-16, \$630,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 1999 dollars)	Countywide (zone-level records).	
Thunderstorm Wind	wind speed (kt and mph)	178 records, 1969 to 2026	50 kt (58 mph) to 100 kt (115 mph) (median 50 kt (58 mph)); 135 with a recorded value	100 kt (115 mph) estimated gust, Thunderstorm Wind, 2018-05-15	Thunderstorm Wind, 2004-11-25, \$200,000 property; crops not reported (2004 dollars)	Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Honesdale borough (25 records), Waymart borough (14 records), Hawley borough (12 records), Damascus township (5 records), Bethany borough (4 records), South Canaan township (3 records), Sterling township (2 records), Prompton borough (1 record).	
Tornado	Enhanced Fujita (Fujita before Feb 2007)	11 records, 1991 to 2024	F/EF0 to F/EF2 (median F/EF1); 11 with a recorded value	EF2 tornado, 2010-07-23, 15.81 mi within this county, 400 yd wide, \$75,000 property; \$0 crops (2010 dollars)		Event records naming jurisdictions in the plan: Honesdale borough (2 records), Bethany borough (1 record), Hawley borough (1 record), Prompton borough (1 record), Sterling township (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)	107 records, 1996 to 2026 (107 zone- level)		Heavy Snow, 2003-01-03, \$300,000 property; crops not reported (2003 dollars); NWS zone PAZ040		Countywide (zone-level records).	

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

Storm Events records since the plan: not yet covered: Storm Events data run through 2026-06-30, before the approval date, so there is no period to count yet.

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>	Flags	Notes
2024-09-11	2024-08-09	DR-4815-PA	Major disaster	Tropical Storm Debby	Hurricane (primary); also designated: Inland Flooding	\$1,359,711.43	within last 5 years	
2020-03-30	2020-01-20	DR-4506-PA	Major disaster	COVID-19 Pandemic	Non-natural, not counted	\$16,955,913.39		
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
2013-10-01	2013-06-26	DR-4149-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Tornado	\$1,149,756.14		
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	\$237,074.04		
2011-09-03	2011-08-26	DR-4025-PA	Major disaster	Hurricane Irene	Hurricane	\$70,942.63		
2011-08-29	2011-08-26	EM-3339-PA	Emergency	Hurricane Irene	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		same incident as DR-4025
2007-02-23	2006-11-16	DR-1684-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms and Flooding	Inland Flooding	\$29,100		

Declared	Incident began	FEMA number	Type	Title	Mapped hazard	County Public Assistance	Flags	Notes
						<i>federal share obligated, nominal dollars</i>		
2006-06-30	2006-06-23	DR-1649-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Flooding, and Mudslides	Inland Flooding; Landslide	\$3,362,074.82		
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	\$1,313,512.98		
2004-09-19	2004-09-17	DR-1557-PA	Major disaster	Tropical Depression Ivan	Hurricane	\$580,777.65		
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		
2003-08-23	2003-07-21	DR-1485-PA	Major disaster	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding	Inland Flooding; Tornado	\$491,802.94		
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		
1993-03-16	1993-03-13	EM-3105-PA	Emergency	Severe Snowfall & Winter Storm	Winter Weather	no Public Assistance recorded		
1985-10-08	1985-09-27	DR-745-PA	Major disaster	Hurricane Gloria	Hurricane	no Public Assistance recorded		
1977-01-29	1977-01-29	EM-3026-PA	Emergency	Snowstorms	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		
1965-08-18	1965-08-18	DR-206-PA	Major disaster	Water Shortage	Drought	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
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.

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 records	In the 12 months before plan approval records	Last 5 years records	Declared incidents, all years <i>separate disasters</i>	Declared since approval <i>separate disasters</i>	Period	Statement
Avalanche	0		0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Cold Wave	11		2	4	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	Includes 1 Frost/Freeze record.
Drought	5		0	2	1	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Earthquake	0		0	0	0	0		Storm Events does not record earthquakes; the USGS earthquake catalog is the source.
Hail	55		0	3	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	
Heat Wave	4		0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Hurricane	0		0	0	7	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	No Storm Events records of this type; 7 federal declared incidents (see declarations table)
Ice Storm	5		0	0	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Inland Flooding	67		0	17	12	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Landslide	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	5		1	1	0	0	1996 to 2026-06-30	
Strong Wind	199		7	37	0	0	1955 to 2026-06-30	Includes 19 High Wind and 2 Strong Wind records.
Tornado	11		0	1	2	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	1996 to 2026-06-30	No recorded events, 1996 to 2026-06-30, NOAA NCEI Storm Events
Winter Weather	107		7	20	3	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
2026-06-12	Lightning		\$20,000 property; \$0 crops (2026 dollars)	0, 0	USWICK	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Lightning
2026-04-19	Frost/Freeze		\$0 property; \$3,750,000 crops (zone total, 2026 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone PAZ040 (NORTHERN WAYNE), zone- level	in the 12 months before plan approval; within last 5 years	B1-c worst recorded: Frost/Freeze
2018-05-15	Thunderstorm Wind	100 kt (115 mph) estimated gust	\$100,000 property; \$0 crops (2018 dollars)	0, 0	CALKINS to MILANVILLE		B1-c worst recorded: Thunderstorm Wind
2012-10-29	High Wind	61 kt (70 mph) estimated gust	\$500,000 property; \$0 crops (zone total, 2012 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone PAZ072 (SOUTHERN WAYNE), zone- level		B1-c worst recorded: High Wind and Strong Wind
2010-07-23	Tornado	EF2, 15.81 mi within this county, 400 yd wide	\$75,000 property; \$0 crops (2010 dollars)	0, 0	ALDENVILLE to BEACH LAKE		B1-c worst recorded: Tornado
2007-07-27	Lightning		\$1,000 property; \$0 crops (2007 dollars)	0, 3	HAMLIN		deaths or injuries recorded
2006-06-27	Flash Flood		\$50,000,000 property; crops not reported (2006 dollars)	1, 0	COUNTYWIDE		deaths or injuries recorded
2005-01-21	Cold/Wind Chill		\$0 property; crops not reported (zone total, 2005 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone PAZ040 (NORTHERN WAYNE), zone- level		B1-c worst recorded: Cold/Wind Chill, Extreme Cold/Wind Chill
2003-01-03	Heavy Snow		\$300,000 property; crops not reported (zone total, 2003 dollars)	0, 0	NWS zone PAZ040 (WAYNE), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Winter Storm, Heavy Snow, Blizzard, Lake-Effect Snow, Winter Weather, Sleet
2001-08-01	Heat		damage not reported	0, 0	NWS zone PAZ040 (WAYNE), zone-level		B1-c worst recorded: Excessive Heat, Heat
1997-08-16	Thunderstorm Wind	speed not recorded	\$45,000 property; crops not reported (1997 dollars)	1, 0	LAKE ARIEL to HAWLEY		deaths or injuries recorded
1985-06-24	Hail	2.75 in	damage not recorded (pre-1996 record)	0, 0	location not recorded		B1-c worst recorded: Hail

The full list is in the Excel file, sheet "B1-d Storm Events history" (469 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	3.38	event-days per year	about 3.38 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 6 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (20%)	64.1	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Drought	0	event-days per year	none modeled	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 4 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (13.3%)	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 4 of 30 years. The descriptor comes from Storm Events, which counts D2 drought that NRI leaves out.
Earthquake	0.000844	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county has at least minor-damage shaking in a year: 0.0844%			not shown	modeled	see B1-f	No descriptor (Storm Events does not record earthquakes).
Hail	2.11	events per year	about 2.11 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	80.2 (modeled)	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Heat Wave	1.5	event-days per year	about 1.5 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 4 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (13.3%)	23.5	2005-11-12 to 2024-11-12 (19 years)	countywide	
Hurricane	0.0304	events per year	about 1 in 33 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	0.536	event-days per year	about 0.536 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 4 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (13.3%)	36	1946-12-31 to 2014-02-12 (67 years)	countywide	
Inland Flooding	1.32	event-days per year	about 1.32 days per year	Likely	Storm Events event-days in 19 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (63.3%)	37	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	0.795	events per year (modeled)	about 0.79 per year	Likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	modeled	see B1-f	
Lightning	30.9	days per year with a strike	about 30.9 days per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	not shown	1995 to 2023 (29 years; CONUS)	countywide	
Strong Wind	2.07	events per year	about 2.07 per year	Highly likely	FEMA annualized frequency (modeled)	79	1986 to 2023 (38 years)	countywide	
Tornado	0.22	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	0.000164	annual probability at a location	chance a given location in the county burns in a year: 0.0164%		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	16.8	event-days per year	about 16.8 days per year	Highly likely	Storm Events event-days in 30 of 30 years, 1996 to 2025 (100%)	319	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	24	30	0.8
Hail	2.00 in+	1996 to 2025	1	30	0.0333
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	50-64 kt	1996 to 2025	123	30	4.1
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	65 kt+	1996 to 2025	7	30	0.233
Thunderstorm Wind (counted as NRI Strong Wind)	unmeasured or below 50 kt	1996 to 2025	15	30	0.5
Tornado	EF0-1	1996 to 2025	9	30	0.3
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	3 of 17	18.6	20.6	22.4	Very Low 3, Not Applicable 14
Cold Wave	17 of 17	46.8	62.5	87.9	Relatively High 3, Relatively Moderate 13, Relatively Low 1
Drought	0 of 17				No Rating 17
Earthquake	17 of 17	16.5	30.8	53.9	Relatively Low 4, Very Low 13
Hail	17 of 17	20.9	34.4	57.1	Relatively Low 8, Very Low 9
Heat Wave	17 of 17	4.2	8.8	38.3	Relatively Low 3, Very Low 14
Hurricane	17 of 17	59.9	72.7	80.3	Relatively Moderate 3, Relatively Low 14
Ice Storm	17 of 17	17.9	38.4	56.4	Relatively Low 11, Very Low 6
Inland Flooding	17 of 17	6.7	48.6	97.7	Very High 1, Relatively High 4, Relatively Moderate 4, Relatively Low 7, Very Low 1
Landslide	17 of 17	50.0	86.6	95.1	Relatively Low 10, Very Low 7
Lightning	17 of 17	34.9	52.3	89.6	Relatively High 3, Relatively Moderate 8, Relatively Low 6
Strong Wind	17 of 17	49.7	75.8	94.3	Relatively High 5, Relatively Moderate 11, Relatively Low 1
Tornado	17 of 17	27.4	36.1	52.5	Relatively Low 14, Very Low 3
Wildfire	17 of 17	38.1	58.9	69.4	Relatively Low 1, Very Low 16
Winter Weather	17 of 17	45.9	58.9	84.1	Relatively High 1, Relatively Moderate 14, Relatively Low 2

Hail: Agriculture is 56% of NRI's expected annual loss for this hazard in the county, so the tract range mostly reflects where crop and livestock value is.

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 (crop and livestock value where a line above names agriculture).

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
Wayne County	County	Approved, expires 2031-09-07		\$854,880.47	0 total; not yet covered	No NFIP community ID on this jurisdiction's plan row.
Bethany borough	Organized Borough	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$9,117.56	6 total; no approved plan	
Hawley borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2031-09-07	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$24,625.04	20 total; not yet covered	
Honesdale borough	Organized Borough	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 1; any 2	\$709,739.88	44 total; no approved plan	
Prompton borough	Organized Borough	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$124,996.43	3 total; no approved plan	
Starrucca borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2031-09-07	FMA RL 1, SRL 0; any 2	\$80,874.25	0 total; not yet covered	
Waymart borough	Organized Borough	Approved, expires 2031-09-07	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$286,128.79	17 total; not yet covered	
Berlin township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$102,190.33	0 total; no approved plan	
Buckingham township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 2, SRL 1; any 5	\$959,274.84	0 total; no approved plan	
Canaan township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$263,190.76	0 total; no approved plan	
Cherry Ridge township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	0 total; no approved 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>	
Clinton township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$505,032.24	0 total; no approved plan	
Damascus township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 3, SRL 3; any 14	\$542,712.91	7 total; no approved plan	
Dreher township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$96,136.43	0 total; no approved plan	
Dyberry township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$39,263.80	0 total; no approved plan	
Lake township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	no Public Assistance recorded	0 total; no approved plan	
Lebanon township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$95,910.50	0 total; no approved plan	
Lehigh township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	no Public Assistance recorded	0 total; no approved plan	
Manchester township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$803,763.81	0 total; no approved plan	
Mount Pleasant township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 2	\$561,395.94	0 total; no approved plan	
Oregon township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 2	\$22,021.56	0 total; no approved plan	
Palmyra township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$64,344.74	0 total; no approved plan	

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
Paupack township	Township	Approved, expires 2031-09-07	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$72,090.92	0 total; not yet covered	
Preston township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 1	\$814,679.88	0 total; no approved plan	
Salem township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$70,436.27	0 total; no approved plan	
Scott township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 1, SRL 0; any 1	\$443,402.82	0 total; no approved plan	
South Canaan township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$333,642.85	6 total; no approved plan	
Sterling township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$41,879.51	6 total; no approved plan	
Texas township	Township	Plan 111813 approved 2026-09-08, pending adoption here; not yet eligible	FMA RL 0, SRL 0; any 0	\$121,214.54	0 total; no approved plan	

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

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 2026-09-08 <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	\$111,877	n/a	under 1	under \$1	n/a	\$141	under 0.0001%				
Cold Wave	\$13,290,820,638	\$37,829,215	51,146	\$913	\$11,040	\$1,453,985	under 0.0001%				
Drought	n/a	\$0	n/a	n/a	\$0	n/a					agriculture exposure is 0 in NRI
Earthquake	\$22,419,681,243	n/a	51,155	\$198,124	n/a	\$25,039	0.000884%				
Hail	\$13,290,820,638	\$37,829,215	51,146	\$10,972	\$34,271	\$16,180	under 0.0001%				
Heat Wave	\$13,290,820,638	\$37,829,215	51,146	under \$1	\$1,362	\$136,467	under 0.0001%				
Hurricane	\$13,277,543,344	\$37,829,215	51,124	\$979,775	\$33,675	\$24,179	0.00738%				
Ice Storm	\$13,149,727,793	n/a	50,409	\$40,756	n/a	\$9,976	0.00031%				
Inland Flooding	\$13,245,300,093	\$3,055,689	1,273	\$12,226,022	\$937	\$442,271	n/a (see note)				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	\$805,384,551	n/a	3,061	\$1,939	n/a	\$6,052	0.000241%				
Lightning	\$13,290,820,638	n/a	51,146	\$7,382	n/a	\$230,539	under 0.0001%				
Strong Wind	\$13,290,820,638	\$37,829,215	51,146	\$252,975	\$196	\$501,648	0.0019%				
Tornado	\$13,290,820,638	\$37,829,215	51,146	\$261,735	\$211	\$217,921	0.00197%				

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 2026-09-08 <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	\$648,399,192	\$4,094,573	4,149	\$5,602	\$5	\$1,315	0.000864%				
Winter Weather	\$13,290,820,638	\$37,829,215	51,146	\$22,282	\$19	\$48,444	0.000168%				

Totals since 2026-09-08: Storm Events not yet covered: Storm Events data run through 2026-06-30, before the approval date, so there is no period to count yet; 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	51,146
Building value (total, not at risk)	\$13,290,820,638
Agriculture value (total, not at risk)	\$37,829,215
NRI risk rating (all hazards)	Relatively Low
Expected annual loss, buildings and agriculture, all hazards	\$14,090,194
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)	\$3,114,158
Social vulnerability rating	Relatively Moderate
Community resilience rating	Relatively Low
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)	7	Severe repetitive loss, FMA definition (44 CFR 77.2)	5
Repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	33	Severe repetitive loss, NFIP insurance definition	5

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	7	5	33	5	35	2	6
of which: Hawley borough	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
of which: Honesdale borough	0	1	2	1	2	0	0
of which: Palmyra township	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
of which: Starrucca borough	1	0	1	0	2	1	0
of which: Waymart borough	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
of which: Buckingham township	2	1	5	1	5	0	2
of which: Damascus township	3	3	13	3	14	1	2
of which: Dreher township	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
of which: Lake township	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
of which: Manchester township	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
of which: Mt. Pleasant township	0	0	2	0	2	0	1
of which: Oregon township	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
of which: Preston township	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
of which: Scott township	1	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>
Bethany borough	422566	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawley borough	420863	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Honesdale borough	420864	0	1	2	1	2	0	0
Prompton borough	420866	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Starrucca borough	420867	1	0	1	0	2	1	0
Waymart borough	420868	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Berlin township	422158	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buckingham township	422159	2	1	5	1	5	0	2
Canaan township	422160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cherry Ridge township	422161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clinton township	422162	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Damascus township	422163	3	3	13	3	14	1	2
Dreher township	422164	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Dyberry township	422165	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake township	422166	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Lebanon township	422567	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lehigh township	422167	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manchester township	422168	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Mount Pleasant township	422169	0	0	2	0	2	0	1
Oregon township	422170	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Palmyra township	420865	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Paupack township	421023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Preston township	422171	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Salem township	422172	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scott township	422173	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
South Canaan township	422174	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sterling township	422175	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas township	422176	0	0	0	0	0	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	7	5	30	5	32	2	6
2 to 4 unit residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
other residential	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
non-residential	0	0	3	0	3	0	0
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 2 properties are FMA repetitive loss but not NFIP repetitive loss, and 28 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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