

Flood Smart Communities

Decision Charter?

A coordinated approach to floodplain management is desirable in the Village of Hilton, Town of Parma and Town of Greece to:

- protect life, health and property against flooding damage;
- minimize municipal costs related to flooding;
- reduce the financial burden of flood impacts and insurance on property owners;
- shorten business interruptions caused by flooding;
- keep an eye towards improving water quality with floodplain management strategies;
- and
- promote collaborative, strategic floodplain development and management.

Recently, leadership in these communities recognized that their capacity to jointly manage flood risk could be strengthened. This decision stems from dynamic hydrologic cycles in their shared watersheds, regulatory requirements, inadequate infrastructure and traditional independent management practices, which do not adequately address new flooding challenges. A multi-jurisdictional template for collaborative floodplain management planning will be developed to operate within a legal and regulatory framework that includes FEMA, NFIP, and New York State Home Rule. Municipalities will work with public agencies and private sector interests to proactively address flooding impacts that cross jurisdictional boundaries. A template Floodplain Management Plan will be proposed in 2016. It is intended to serve as the foundational document for future decisions, which will be cumulative and build upon each other. Although sustainable floodplain management in these communities is broad and complicated, this collaborative, strategic approach would guide long-term decision making and action (?).