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# MEDIA RELEASE

## Greater Muncy Resiliency Project Receives National Excellence Award

MUNCY, Lycoming County – Lycoming County has received the first ever national *Excellence in Mitigation Innovation Award* for work as part of the Greater Muncy Resiliency project. Awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), this award honors members of the mitigation community and projects that demonstrate excellence in mitigation throughout the communities they serve.

The Greater Muncy Resiliency Plan is a collaborative project between Lycoming County, Muncy Borough, and Muncy Creek Township. The plan will identify specific, achievable projects that will help the greater Muncy community withstand and rebound from a diversity of threats and challenges.

Notable projects in the draft plan, currently under development, include the innovative demo rebuild pilot project, the utility elevation project, and the blue ribbon floodplain awareness project. The project also features strong partnerships among private businesses, the community, state, and federal stakeholders.

Previously, Muncy Borough was accepted as a FEMA Resilience Neighbors Network (RNN) partner, a program designed to link together communities working to become safer, disaster-resilient, and sustainable.

The County will receive the award at the March 2020 Hazard Mitigation Partners Workshop in Emmitsburg, MD.

The Greater Muncy Resiliency Plan, funded by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) is expected to be completed in the fall of 2020 and will serve as model for resiliency.

If you have further questions, please contact Jenny Picciano, Community Development/ Lead Planner for the Lycoming County Department of Planning and Community Development at 570-320-2136 or [jpicciano@lyco.org](mailto:jpicciano@lyco.org).

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