



Jefferson County Flood Mitigation Acquisition Program

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Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
Emergency Assistance Act.

* Provide an orderly and continuing means of assistance by the federal government to state and local governments in carrying out their responsibilities to alleviate the suffering and damages resulting from disaster.

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Section 404 – Stafford Act

- Provided authority to pursue property acquisition and relocation assistance as a means of flood hazard mitigation.
- It also gave the authorization for the creation of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grants Program (HMGP).

Disaster Mitigation Act 2000

- Amended the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
- State Mitigation Plans
- Local Mitigation Plans

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Acquisitions and Buyouts Process

- Obtain signed Notices of Voluntary Participation form from individuals wishing to participate in the buyout program.
- Submit properties along with grant paperwork to the State for approval.
- Receive call from the state identifying missing information. (or several calls)

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Acquisitions and Buyouts Process

- Benefit cost analysis.
- Historical and Archeological reviews.
- Properties are identified to be acquired.
- State sends approval letter of grant funding and a listing of qualified properties.

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Acquisitions and Buyouts Process

- Complete a title search on each property.
- Conduct appraisal of the property.
- Send appraisal to the State for review and approval
- Receive a letter from the State approving the acquisition.
- Contact property owner and present acquisition price.
- Property owner accepts/declines offer.

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Acquisitions and Buyouts Process

- Decline – Process is modified.
- Accept – Closing is set up and acquisition of the property is completed.
- Deed Restriction
- Property owner is given 30 days to vacate the property.

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- Relocation
 - Public Projects
 - Voluntary Notice of Participation
- Obtain permits and complete asbestos inspections.
- Property is in an archeological site.
- Property is not on an archeological site.

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- Structure is razed within 90 days of acquisition date.
- Grading and seeding of site is complete.
- Land is allowed to go back to a natural state. Minor maintenance is required.

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- Public Health and Safety
- Protection of ecosystems
 - Increased natural filtering process.
 - Improved stability of soil.
- Provide Open Space for Parkland/Recreation

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- Acquisition of approximately 100 properties.
- Approximately \$17.0 million in grant funding utilized for acquisition over an 18 year period of time.
- DNR, CDBG, FMA, and HMGP Grants.

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