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FEMA Awards \$820,211 Grant to the Village of Downers Grove

Hazard mitigation funds will be used to acquire and demolish four flood prone structures

CHICAGO –The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released \$820,211 in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds to the village of Downers Grove, Ill., for the acquisition and demolition of four residential structures in the floodplain. Following demolition, these properties will be maintained as permanent open space in the community.

“The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program enables communities to implement critical mitigation measures to reduce the risk of loss of life and property,” said FEMA Region V Acting Administrator Janet Odesho. “The acquisition and demolition of these structures permanently removes them from the floodplain and greatly reduces the financial impact on individuals and the community when future flooding occurs in this area.”

“This grant is good news for Downers Grove and residents who have been hit by flooding many times in the past,” said Jonathon Monken, director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. “The residents can now move to higher ground and avoid future heartache and property losses, and the village will no longer need to wage costly flood fights.”

HMGP provides grants to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures. Through HMGP, FEMA will pay 75 percent of the \$1,093,614 eligible project cost. The remaining 25 percent of the funds, \$273,403, will be provided by the village of Downers Grove.

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