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PRESS RELEASE: INFORMATION ABOUT HAZARD MITIGATION GRANTS

MESSAGE:

The following message is being released by the Columbia County Emergency Management Agency

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency will be accepting "Letters of Intent" until November 15, 2011 from those Columbia County Municipalities who intend on applying for a Hazard Mitigation Grant.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant program is an opportunity for municipalities to access federal funding to support flood prevention projects in their jurisdiction including but not necessarily limited to property acquisitions and elevations.

Columbia County residents who want their property included for consideration in a flood mitigation project should contact their local municipal officials **immediately**.

Please be advised the municipality must serve as the applicant, homeowners cannot apply to PEMA for this program directly.