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**CAMDEN COUNTY & CITY OF ST. MARYS  
JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE**

National Flood Insurance Program  
Community Rating System

**Program for Public Information  
Joint Steering Committee Kick-off Meeting**

Thursday, December 3, 2015

**St. Marys Visitor's Center**  
400 Osborne St.  
St. Marys, GA 31558

## Minutes

**Attendees:**

Rowland Eskridge, Jeff Foster, Dean Privett, Jessica Kate Warren, Jeff Adams, Michele Wood, Scott Brazell, Angie Eaton, Kevin Lang, Nancy Stasinis, Larry Bruce, Kelly Spratt and Madeleine Russell.

**Meeting called to order at 11:00;**

**1. Update from St. Marys & Camden County:**

Scott Brazell opened the meeting by discussing the results of the county's Community Self-Assessment. Mr. Brazell stated the Community Self-Assessment identified a target area in the county as the properties located in the A Zone along the river.

Jeff Adams stated St. Marys is in the process of completing their assessment. Mr. Adams presented a map which identified the critical care areas for St. Marys which included senior care facilities and housing, historic downtown, multi-family housing, police and fire stations.

**2. Best Practices from other Communities:**

- The Steering Committee was asked to look at Best Practices in other cities and review their critical areas and goals and objectives to be discussed at the January 7<sup>th</sup> PPI Meeting.

**3. Critical & Target Areas**

- County properties located in the A Zone along the River,
- St. Marys critical care facilities and historic downtown properties,
- Military base as a possible target area. (Scott Brazell will locate a contact person for the base.)

**4. Goals & Objectives**

- Educating the public about the discounts they receive for flood insurance,
- Providing interactive tools on the County & City website,
- Website information provided for Newcomers,
- Newcomer Packets available through the Water Department and/or Real Estate offices and websites.

## **5. Information & Project Ideas**

### *Information:*

- New flood maps are to be approved in late 2016 or early 2017,
- Scott Brazell provided a list of Camden County Flood Claims for the members to review.

### *Project Ideas:*

- Partner with other emergency organizations to prepare an Emergency Preparedness Guide as an annual outreach project,
- UGA possibly assisting with the graphics for the Emergency Preparedness Guide.

## **6. Next Steps**

- Review maps of critical areas
- Review goals and objectives
- Review project appropriateness
- Begin first draft of PPI at the next meeting.

## **Meeting Adjourned at 12:15**

### **Next meeting:**

Thursday, January 7, 2016

11AM

### **County EOC Office**

131 N. Lee Street

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