Kenosha County
Director of Planning & Development
28 Years with County P&D
Kenosha County
Fox River Floodplain Acquisition Program

- Location
- History
- Creative Approach
- Successes
- Constraints/Challenges
- Process
- Future
History
1995-2016

• Started in 1995
• Grants
  • DRA (HUD - Disaster Recovery Assistance)
  • CDBG - Housing Program
  • CDBG - EAP (Emergency Assistance Program)
  • FMA (Flood Mitigation Assistance)
  • PDM (Pre-Disaster Mitigation)
  • MFC (Municipal Flood Control)
  • HMGP (Hazard Mitigation Grant Program)
• 11 Grants - $10.8 million
• 105 Residences Purchased
• 166 Lots
History
2016 - 2019

July 2017 Flood
- 126 Residences - P&D Inspected
- 56 Residences - Flooding in 1st Floor
- 17 Residences - Substantial Damaged
  - Hazard Mitigation Grants (HMGP)
  - Applied for 3 Grants (HMGP)
    - $2,770,000 FEMA
    - $460,000 WEM
    - $171,000 County ($100,000 Budgeted
      16 Properties (Wheatland)
    - $290,000 Salem Lakes ($125,000 Budgeted)
      15 Properties
Creative Approach

- 2014 County Budgets $50,000 Annually for Property Acquisition
  - Sale/Foreclosed/Auction
    - 4 Residences - Sale
    - 6 Vacant Lots - Sale
- Donation Program
  - Mailers - Annual
    - 4 Vacant Lots
- Tax Deeded
  - 3 Residences
  - 12 Vacant Lots
Successes

• Impact Level has Changed
  • Prior - Water in 1st. Fl. – 11 feet
  • Now – Water in 1st. Fl. – 14.5 feet
• USGS Elevated Flood Stage - 10’ to 11’ (2012)
• Emergency Response
  • Now needed about once/five years
  • Previous needed once/year
• People and Property out of Harms Way
Constraints/Challenges

- Small Business Loans
- Substantial Damage Inspections
  - Previous Floods - Not Coordinated
  - Last Flood - Coordinated
- Substantial Damage Training
  - Previous – Lack of Software
  - Last Flood
    - FEMA – Substantial Damage Estimator
    - ESRI - 123
- Federal Disaster Declaration
  - Is Needed to Have Buyout Funds
    - 2017 - Didn’t Meet Threshold
    - Tapped Into Other Declaration Funds
Process

- Record Deed
- Combination of Lots
Future

- Park Open Space
- Trails
- Fishing
- Shelter
- Parking
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