Symposium on Flooding and Pennsylvania’s Historic River Towns
The Final Day of the 2016 Pennsylvania Statewide Conference on Heritage

Wednesday, June 8, 2016
9:00am – 4:00pm
The Campus Theatre, 413 Market Street, Lewisburg

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New & Pressing Challenges for the Preservation Field in the 21st Century

**Historic Properties: Common Threats**

- Encroaching Development
- Alteration
- Neglect/Lack of Maintenance
- **Natural Disasters, Climate Change**
  - Floods
  - Tornadoes
  - Hurricanes
  - Earthquakes
  - Wildfires
Where are you from?

Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office’s Regions
Flooding: Pennsylvania’s Greatest Naturally Occurring Hazard
NFIP Payments to Pennsylvania Communities Since 1978: $1.17 billion
## NFIP Claim Report for the Top 10 States, 2014

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Federal Flood Insurance Reform: Threat to the Continued Resilience of Historic Communities?

Biggert-Waters Reform Act of 2012

Provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW-12) require the NFIP to raise insurance rates for some older properties in high-risk areas to reflect true flood risk.

Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012
Elimination of Subsidies for Older and Historic Buildings in the Floodplain
Milton

Meaning “Milltown”

From mill built on limestone run

Founded 1769
First salt well in the vicinity was drilled 1813-14. By the 1830’s this area had become a leading U.S. salt producer. Important to its shipment was the Pennsylvania Canal’s Western Division. The canal crossed here 1829-1864, and was the lifeline of this small town.
Milton Borough
Northumberland County
Historic District: 60% in the SFHA
Lewisburg Borough
Union County

Historic District:
38% in the SFHA

Special Flood Hazard Area
("100-year floodplain")

National Register or Local Historic District
Historic District: 30% in the SFHA

Special Flood Hazard Area
("100-year floodplain")

National Register or Local Historic District
Historic District: 100% in the SFHA

Jersey Shore Borough
Lycoming County
Dawson Borough
Fayette County

Historic District: 68% in the SFHA

Special Flood Hazard Area
("100-year floodplain")

National Register or Local
Historic District
Historic District: 53% in the SFHA
Historic District: 80% in the SFHA

City of Philadelphia, Manayunk Neighborhood
Philadelphia County
Marietta Borough
Lancaster County

Special Flood Hazard Area
("100-year floodplain")

National Register or Local Historic District

Historic District: 31% in the SFHA
Historic District: 39% in the SFHA
Historic District: 60% in the SFHA

Special Flood Hazard Area
(“100-year floodplain”)
Historic District: 73% in the SFHA

Special Flood Hazard Area
("100-year floodplain")

National Register or Local Historic District

Saltsburg Borough
Indiana County