



# Bridgeville Borough

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## **BRIDGEVILLE BOROUGH AWARDED \$1,236,200 TO ACQUIRE FLOOD PRONE PROPERTIES ON BALDWIN AND MARGARET STREETS**

**Bridgeville, PA:** The Borough of Bridgeville, in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), is well on its way to securing nine (9) properties from 500 and 600 Block of Baldwin Street and the 400 Block of Margaret Street as a result of flooding. Bridgeville Borough was notified on Tuesday, July 13th of this grant award. The award is part of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, which is part of the Robert T. Stafford act.

The grant award will fund the acquisition and demolition of the nine properties involved and return the land to open space. All affected properties are within the FEMA designated Special Flood Hazard Area and by removing these residential properties you are removing individuals from harm's way and reducing damage to personal property.

A total of nine properties are affected. Eight are currently funded and authorized under this grant, while one property undergoes historical review.

The Borough has received a total of \$1,236,200 in Federal and State funding from FEMA and PEMA to acquire and demolish the affected homes and mitigate future flooding in the affected area. The Grant Award is funded at 100% by FEMA/PEMA with no matching funds from Bridgeville Borough.

According to federal guidance participation in the program is 100% voluntary on behalf of the Borough and the properties owners. Property owners cannot be forced to sell their properties.

Acquisitions could start as early as fall 2021 with a projected project time of 24 months.

Properties owners will be receiving notification letters shortly of the next steps.

The Borough hopes to have all participating properties vacant by the end of this year to begin demolition work of the affected properties.

The site will be prepared as green open space, per PEMA/FEMA guidelines. Bridgeville Borough is not permitted to "improve" the site or place any structures on it after the existing homes have been removed and the site has been remediated. Restoration of the site comprises (only) rendering it an open greenspace.

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