



Glasgow Housing Relocation and Floodproofing Project

Full Mitigation Best Practice Story

Rockbridge County, Virginia

Glasgow, VA - The Town of Glasgow is located at the confluence of Virginia's Maury and James Rivers and at the base of steep mountain slopes. Flash flooding and river flooding occurs when hurricanes and storm systems stall against the mountains. In the past thirty years, the Town has been hit by six major flood events. More than 50 percent of the Town lies in the floodplain.



The Town will relocate, elevate, and acquire approximately 56 houses. By April 1999, the project had relocated three houses, elevated two and acquired eight. As of June, 2000, the project has elevated 11 houses, relocated eight houses, and acquired 16 houses. During the summer of 1999, two more houses were be elevated.

Through the use of these three mitigation options, the Town intends to move people out of harm's way and prevent property damage. Land acquired by the Town will be held as open space.

Activity/Project Location

Geographical Area: **Single County in a State**

FEMA Region: **Region III**

State: **Virginia**

County: **Rockbridge County**

City/Community: **Glasgow**

Key Activity/Project Information

Sector: **Public**

Hazard Type: **Flooding**

Activity/Project Type: **Acquisition/Buyouts; Elevation, Structural; Relocation**

Activity/Project Start Date: **06/1997**

Activity/Project End Date: **Ongoing**

Funding Source: **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); Local Sources; State sources**

Funding Recipient: **Local Government**

Funding Recipient Name: **Town of Glasgow**

Activity/Project Economic Analysis

Cost: **\$1,930,968.00 (Estimated)**

Activity/Project Disaster Information

Mitigation Resulted From Federal
Disaster? **Unknown**

Value Tested By Disaster? **No**

Repetitive Loss Property? **Unknown**

Reference URLs

Reference URL 1: <http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/benefits.jsp>

Reference URL 2: <http://www.virginia.gov/>

Main Points

- Flash flooding and river flooding occurs when hurricanes and storm systems stall against the mountains.
- Relocated, elevated, and acquired approximately 56 houses.
- Land acquired by the Town will be held as open space.



