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# News Release

## **FEMA AWARDS \$856,714 GRANT TO KENT COUNTY**

*Pre-disaster mitigation funds will be used to remove eight homes from a flood-prone area*

CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today announced the release of \$856,714.50 in Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program funds to Kent County, Mich., for the acquisition and removal of eight structures in the city of Grand Rapids that are repeatedly damaged by flooding.

“The Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program enables communities to implement critical mitigation measures to reduce the risk of losing lives and property,” said FEMA Region V Administrator Andrew Velasquez III. “The removal of these eight structures will establish a permanent open space which will reduce damages and lessen the impact of flooding on the local community.”

PDM provides grants to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures. Through PDM, FEMA will pay 75 percent of \$1,142,286 eligible project cost. The remaining 25 percent of the funds, \$285,571.50, will be provided by Kent County through a special assessment of the Shawmut Hills Storm Sewer Drainage District.

FEMA’s mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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