# TREMONT BOROUGH IS TAKING PART IN FEMA'S BRIC DTA INITIATIVE

We've all experienced storms that cause blackouts and flooding events that damage our homes and businesses. To address these hazards that affect our community, Tremont Borough is taking part in FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Direct Technical Assistance (DTA) initiative.

## WHAT ARE THE HAZARDS IN TREMONT?

### **FLOODING**

Recent flooding has affected all of us. No matter if it's our homes, roads or businesses, we are looking for ways to lessen the impacts of flooding events. As part of this work, we might add floodwalls that run parallel to part of Good Springs Creek between Main Street and North Pine Street.

#### **BLACKOUTS**

When storms and high winds damage local powerlines, it poses problems for our community. These problems can range from food going bad in the fridge to concerns about personal medical devices. We want to make sure locations such as the firehouse and the Tremont Borough Building can stay functional and provide key services to the community even when the power goes out. For this reason, we are exploring a microgrid solution. This would provide power to these sites in the event of a blackout. Through solar and generator power backups, we can ensure our community has access to power regardless of local weather conditions.

## **HOW CAN BRIC DTA HELP?**

BRIC DTA provides non-financial technical assistance support to communities like Tremont. Tremont's participation in the FEMA BRIC DTA initiative means we have access to a team of experts in hazard mitigation, public engagement, and grants to help us secure federal funding to address local hazards. We're working with our BRIC DTA partners to build local resilience and break the cycle of damage we've been experiencing. "Our community has long-faced significant challenges from urban flooding and rolling blackouts, affecting our businesses and our neighbors' lives. FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Direct Technical Assistance (DTA) Initiative presents an opportunity to strengthen Tremont's resilience to future disasters."

- Former Mayor Ricky Ney

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Input from community members is a key part of this process. Do you have questions or concerns about BRIC DTA or the solutions we are exploring? Can you share how these hazards have affected you?

#### Reach out at:

<u>boroughoffice@tremontborough.org</u> or leave us a comment in the comment box at the Tremont Borough Building.

