



PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Breathitt Co, KY

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FLOODING — 2021

LOCATION

Breathitt County is located in the eastern Appalachian portion of Kentucky. The population is approximately 16,100 people. About 33% of the population is below the poverty line.

Jackson is the capital of Breathitt County. Jackson was originally known as Breathitt until 1843, when it was renamed to honor Andrew Jackson. The city is located on the north bank of the North Fork of the Kentucky River.

DISASTER

Significant rainstorms struck Breathitt County, KY during the end of February and beginning of March 2021. 7-8 inches of rain fell in less than 24 hours. The intense rain caused damage to structures, knocked down trees, and caused landslides. It also caused a boil water advisory due to overwhelmed water systems. This is the second major flooding disaster in two years for Eastern Kentucky.

MDS RESPONSE

MDS volunteers will be staying at Bethel Mennonite Camp in Clayhole, KY.

MDS volunteers will focus on replacing drywall, insulation, flooring, painting, trim, cabinets, and replacing interior and exterior doors. Volunteers will also replace porches, decks and wheelchair ramps that were washed away in the flood.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Physical/Mailing Address

Bethel Mennonite Camp
2773 Bethel Church Rd
Clayhole, KY 41317



Telephone

717-682-6999 (Office Manager)
717-383-8976 (Project Director)

Email

breathittcounty@mds.org

TRANSPORTATION

It is the responsibility of weekly volunteers to plan, schedule, and pay for their transportation to and from the project. If you choose to fly in or take a bus, you will need to be sure to arrange for transportation from the station to the project, as MDS is not able to pick up weekly volunteers. If you have questions about this, please call the Coordinator for Weekly Volunteers at 800-241-8111.

- Blue Grass Airport is the closest airport, about 105 miles away. Rental cars are available through Avis (800-352-7900) and Enterprise (855-266-9289).
- Greyhound has a bus station in Berea, about 78 miles from the project site, and can be reached at 800-231-2222.
- Amtrak has a train station in Ashland, about 77 miles from the project site, and can be reached at 1-800-872-7245.

DIRECTIONS

Driving from the north: Take 15-S from Jackson, then take 476 towards Clayhole, KY. Turn left (east) onto Little Buckhorn Rd. Drive less than 1 mile and the camp entrance will be over a bridge on the left side of the road (Bethel Church Rd).

Driving from the south/west from London: Take 9006-E towards Hazard. Take 1146-N to 267 and turn right (northeast). Follow 267 until you meet 476 and turn left (north). Follow 476 until you reach Little Buckhorn Rd and turn right (east). The camp will be on the left

Volunteers should park in the large gravel parking lot in front of the dining hall (the only parking lot at the camp).