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Purpose: This reference profile applies the Clinton County Community Lifelines framework to the Village of Blanchester. It supports local impact analysis, operational planning, resource coordination, public information, elected official decision support, mitigation discussions, and emergency declaration conversations involving Blanchester and its regional dependencies.

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What This Document Is

This Blanchester Lifeline Profile applies the Clinton County Community Lifelines framework to municipal utilities, public safety, healthcare, transportation, communications, recurring events, and regional service dependencies affecting the village.

Why It Matters to County Leadership

This profile identifies the lifeline disruptions most likely to affect Blanchester residents, businesses, schools, care facilities, municipal services, public safety operations, and medically vulnerable populations. It also identifies conditions that may require county, regional, utility, healthcare, school, or public safety coordination.

Key Takeaways

- Energy, Water Systems, Health and Medical, Transportation, and Communications are Blanchester's Top Five Overall Lifeline Concerns.
- Blanchester's municipal electric, water, and wastewater responsibilities create local dependencies that may affect multiple lifelines during prolonged disruptions.
- Power, water, transportation, or communications disruptions may quickly affect long-term care facilities, senior housing, schools, businesses, public safety operations, and medically vulnerable residents.
- Although the Village of Blanchester is located entirely within Clinton County, its proximity to Warren, Clermont, and Brown Counties may require regional coordination involving mutual aid, healthcare access, transportation routing, public messaging, and other service dependencies during some incidents.
- Cascading Impact Flows show how one lifeline disruption may create second- and third-order effects.
- Declaration Conversation Indicators identify when officials should begin discussing whether emergency declaration thresholds may be approaching.
- If officials determine that an emergency declaration may be needed, they should refer to *06.05.05 - Playbook - Damage Assessment & Disaster Declaration*.

What This Document Does Not Do

This document does not replace *01.01 - Reference - Clinton County Lifelines*, establish tactical response procedures, replace Incident Command, direct field operations, provide sensitive infrastructure details, or automatically trigger an emergency declaration. It identifies conditions that may warrant discussion among elected officials, village leadership, EMA, public safety agencies, utilities, department heads, and appropriate partners.

What Elected Officials Should Know

Elected officials should use this profile to understand Blanchester's primary lifeline dependencies and recognize when worsening conditions may require additional coordination, resource prioritization, public leadership, emergency purchasing, or declaration discussion. A degraded lifeline does not always mean a serious emergency exists; officials should consider the scope, duration, trend, affected populations, resource needs, and cascading impacts before determining what additional action may be needed.

RECORD OF CHANGES

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This document should be reviewed periodically and updated as operational requirements, authorities, procedures, or organizational structures change.

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Blanchester Lifelines

1. Community Summary

Blanchester is one of Clinton County's larger incorporated villages and serves as an important residential, service, utility, and local government center for the southeastern portion of the county. The incorporated Village of Blanchester is located entirely within Clinton County. However, the broader Blanchester ZIP Code includes addresses in portions of Clinton, Warren, Clermont, and Brown Counties. Blanchester's proximity to neighboring counties creates local planning considerations involving mutual aid, commuter movement, healthcare access, transportation routing, public messaging, and regional service dependencies. The village is located along the Clinton County and Warren County line, which creates local planning considerations involving cross-county coordination, commuter movement, mutual aid, public messaging, and service-area impacts that may extend beyond Clinton County alone.

Blanchester has a more complex lifeline profile than some smaller villages because it includes municipal government services, local utility functions, schools, healthcare and residential care considerations, commercial activity, and surrounding rural dependencies. The village's Board of Public Affairs role, local electric service functions, public water and wastewater responsibilities, and connection to outside electric, fuel, communications, healthcare, and transportation systems make Energy and Water Systems especially important lifeline concerns.

Extended power outages, water or wastewater service disruptions, severe weather, transportation access limitations, communications or payment system disruptions, and healthcare continuity concerns may create cascading impacts affecting residents, businesses, schools, long-term care facilities, medically vulnerable residents, public safety operations, and surrounding rural households. Blanchester's proximity to Warren, Clermont, and Brown Counties also means some incidents may require coordination with neighboring county partners, regional utility providers, healthcare systems, transportation agencies, mutual aid organizations, and public safety agencies.

This profile should be used to help local officials, county officials, department heads, EOC representatives, public safety agencies, utility partners, healthcare partners, and other stakeholders understand the lifeline dependencies most likely to affect Blanchester before, during, and after an incident.

2. Area Covered

This profile applies to the incorporated Village of Blanchester and the local lifeline systems, services, dependencies, and planning concerns that affect the village. The incorporated Village of Blanchester is located entirely within Clinton County, and Blanchester EMS operations addressed by this profile are located within Clinton County.

The broader Blanchester ZIP Code includes addresses in portions of Clinton, Warren, Clermont, and Brown Counties; however, ZIP Code boundaries do not represent the incorporated village boundary or the operational jurisdiction addressed by this profile.

Because Blancheater is located near neighboring counties and depends on regional transportation, healthcare, communications, fuel, utility, and mutual aid systems, some incidents may require coordination with Warren, Clermont, or Brown County partners, regional providers, state agencies, and private-sector organizations. This profile complements 01.01.A: Reference – Countywide Lifelines and provides a Blancheater-focused reference for understanding local lifeline concerns, cascading impacts, declaration conversation indicators, coordination and mitigation discussion points, relevant lifelines and sub-sectors, planning assumptions, and future local review needs.

3. Seasonal / Event Population Considerations

Seasonal / Event Factor	Application Area	Potential Lifeline Impact	Planning Note
July 4th Celebration	Downtown Blancheater / Main Street / Broadway Street / State Route 28 corridor	Transportation; Safety and Security; Health and Medical; Communications	The July 4th Celebration creates a significant downtown event footprint with Main Street closed between Wright Street and Short Street and Broadway Street closed from Center Street to Cherry Street from July 2 through July 4. Heavy traffic delays may occur during the July 4 parade, especially along State Route 28 from the Kroger area toward Center Street / Mill Street. Attendance may reach approximately 1,500–2,000 people at any given point. The event is also known to include a fireworks show, which may increase evening crowd concentration, post-event traffic congestion, pedestrian movement, fire safety considerations, and public information needs. Planning should account for limited parking, heavier foot traffic downtown and on nearby streets, emergency access, parade traffic control, pedestrian safety, heat exposure, EMS response, fireworks safety, and coordination among police, EMS, and fire personnel stationed in or near the event area. Existing downtown electric service is used for events, and no major utility concerns are currently identified based on local information.
National Night Out	Blancheater / South Broadway area	Safety and Security; Health and Medical; Communications; Transportation	National Night Out is a recurring August public safety and community event with approximately 800–1,000 attendees at any given point. The event does not normally require road closures, but may create traffic congestion along South Broadway. The event is also known to include a fireworks show, which may increase evening crowd activity, post-event traffic movement, fire safety considerations, and public information needs. Police, EMS, and fire agencies are present at the event, which supports public safety coordination and community engagement. Planning should consider pedestrian activity, event communications, fireworks safety, emergency access, heat exposure, EMS availability, and traffic movement in the immediate area. Electric and water use is minimal, and no major utility concerns are currently identified based on local information.
Fall Festival / Car Show	Downtown Blancheater / Broadway Street and Main	Transportation; Safety and Security; Health	The Fall Festival / Car Show is a September event centered around the village green space near Broadway Street and Main Street. Road closures may include a section of Main Street between Broadway Street and Wall Street, a section of South Broadway Street between Main Street and

Seasonal / Event Factor	Application Area	Potential Lifeline Impact	Planning Note
	Street area / Village green space	and Medical; Communications	Cherry Street, and Wall Street. Attendance may reach approximately 800–1,500 people at any given point. Planning should account for traffic delays, detours, limited parking, heavier pedestrian activity downtown and on nearby streets, emergency access, vehicle movement associated with the car show, heat or weather exposure, EMS needs, and coordination among event organizers and public safety agencies. Existing downtown electric service is used for events, and no major utility concerns are currently identified based on local information.

4. Top Five Overall Lifeline Concerns

Rank	Lifeline Concern	Application Area	Impact / Severity Example	Future Local Review Focus
1	Energy Disruption and Cascading Lifeline Impacts	Village of Blancheſter / Affected electric ſervice area / Local utility-dependent ſervices	A prolonged power outage may quickly degrade local electric ſervice, public water and wastewater operations, fuel access, communications, medical device ſupport, electronic payments, buſineſs operations, ſchools, long-term care facilities, ſenior housing, and other eſſential ſervices in and around Blancheſter. Impacts may be more ſerious where medically vulnerable or older-adult populations are concentrated in facilities that depend on ſuſtained electrical power and water ſervice.	Confirm local backup power capability, IMPA power ſupply / purchased-power dependency, Duke Energy delivery dependency, Blancheſter Board of Public Affairs local diſtribution and reſale reſponſibilities, fuel access limitations, public water and wastewater ſystem power needs, critical facility needs, generator connection readeſſneſs, and medically vulnerable or older-adult facility concerns during extended power outages.
2	Water and Wastewater System Disruption, Dam / Reſervoir Concern, and Cascading Public Health Impacts	Village of Blancheſter water / wastewater ſervice area / Affected customers, facilities, dam and reſervoir impact areas	A prolonged water or wastewater ſystem diſruption may affect ſanitation, fire ſuppreſſion, healthcare and long-term care operations, ſenior housing, ſchools, food ſervice, large-population facilities, buſineſs continuity, reſidential needs, and public health in the affected ſervice area. Impacts may be more ſerious where long-term care and ſenior housing populations are concentrated and rely on ſuſtained water ſervice for hygiene, ſanitation, hydration, food ſervice, and care operations. Blancheſter alſo has Class I upground reſervoir concerns where reſidential neighborhoods border reſervoir embankments or ſidewalls of	Validate public water and wastewater ſystem backup power, water ſtorage limitations, lift ſtation or treatment concerns, emergency water ſupply options, boil notice meſſaging, fire ſuppreſſion water limitations, ſchool and healthcare facility water needs, long-term care and ſenior housing impacts, Class I upground reſervoir monitoring concerns, pool level reſtrictions or other operating limitations uſed as mitigation, dam emergency coordination pathways, adjacent reſidential protective action

Rank	Lifeline Concern	Application Area	Impact / Severity Example	Future Local Review Focus
			concern. If reservoir conditions worsen, overtopping occurs, seepage or structural concerns develop, or emergency drawdown actions are needed, impacts may include nearby life safety concerns, protective action decision-making, transportation access issues, public infrastructure impacts, emergency response coordination, and water system operational concerns.	considerations, and major water-dependent business concerns.
3	Health and Medical Access, EMS Demand, and Medically Vulnerable Populations	Village of Blancheſter / Affected healthcare and EMS service area	A healthcare or EMS disruption may affect EMS response, long-term care facilities, senior housing, residents who rely on electrically powered medical equipment, pharmacy access, limited local medical providers, patient movement, and medically vulnerable residents. Impacts may be more serious during power outages, extreme heat or cold, water disruptions, transportation limitations, or communications failures.	Review EMS access, long-term care facility dependencies, senior housing concerns, residents who rely on electrically powered medical equipment considerations, pharmacy and limited local medical provider access, patient movement limitations, welfare-check coordination, and communication pathways with healthcare partners.
4	Transportation Access, Rail Separation, and Supply Route Disruption	Village of Blancheſter / SR-28 / SR-123 / SR-133 / Rail corridor / Affected access routes	Transportation disruption may delay emergency response, mutual aid, school access, workforce movement, fuel delivery, supply movement, and access to healthcare, groceries, pharmacies, or family support. A rail blockage or rail incident may divide portions of the village and require longer response or mutual aid routes, especially when rural detours are needed.	Review SR-28, SR-123, SR-133, 2nd Creek Road, rail crossing vulnerabilities, emergency response route options, mutual aid access routes, school and employer access, fuel and supply delivery routes, hospital transport routes, rural detour limitations, and coordination needs during prolonged rail blockage, roadway closure, or severe weather impacts
5	Responder Communications, Dispatch Coordination, and Data Reliability	Village of Blancheſter / Dispatch and responder communications service area	Communications disruption may affect coordination between CCSD Dispatch, Wilmington Dispatch, Blancheſter Police, Blancheſter EMS, Blancheſter-Marion Township Fire, mutual aid agencies, and field responders. Impacts may include reduced MARCS/radio reliability, cellular data limitations, delayed information sharing, public messaging challenges, and difficulty coordinating response during	Confirm dispatch coordination pathways, MARCS/radio coverage concerns, cellular data limitations, backup communications options, mutual aid communications interoperability, public information procedures, and responder coordination needs during outages, severe weather, rail incidents, or other complex events.

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			severe weather, power outages, rail incidents, or multi-agency operations.	

5. Cascading Impact Flows

Scenario	Lifeline 1: First Order Effect	Lifeline 2: Second Order Effect	Lifeline 3: Third Order Effect	Application Area
Extended Blanchester electric outage during extreme heat, extreme cold, or high-demand utility conditions	Energy: Electric service is disrupted within the Blanchester electric service area, affecting local distribution, utility operations, public facilities, businesses, schools, residences, long-term care facilities, senior housing, and residents who rely on electrically powered medical equipment. The impact may involve purchased-power, delivery, local resale, or local distribution dependencies involving IMPA, Duke Energy, and Blanchester Board of Public Affairs functions.	Health and Medical: Long-term care facilities, senior housing, medically vulnerable residents, EMS demand, medication storage, medical device support, and limited local medical providers may require increased monitoring or support, especially if backup generators do not support HVAC or if the outage occurs during extreme heat or cold.	Water Systems: Public water and wastewater operations, water pressure, wastewater lift station or treatment functions, fire suppression water availability, hygiene, sanitation, and facility operations may become degraded if power loss affects pumps, treatment, storage, communications, or utility operating capability.	Village of Blanchester / Affected electric service area / Local utility-dependent services
Public water or wastewater disruption affecting Blanchester customers, critical facilities, or utility operations	Water Systems: Potable water, water pressure, toilet flushing, sanitary sewer flow, lift stations, wastewater treatment, fire suppression water availability, and overall water or wastewater system operations may become degraded or unavailable. Class I upground reservoir concerns may also create monitoring, operating limitation, emergency drawdown, protective action, or water system continuity	Health and Medical: Long-term care facilities, senior housing, schools, food service, medically vulnerable residents, hygiene, sanitation, hydration, medication administration, and facility care	Safety and Security: Public safety agencies, village officials, utility personnel, and county partners may need to support traffic control, welfare checks, public information, water distribution, protective action messaging, emergency access, or coordination around affected neighborhoods.	Village of Blanchester water / wastewater service area / Affected customers, facilities, and reservoir concern areas

Scenario	Lifeline 1: First Order Effect	Lifeline 2: Second Order Effect	Lifeline 3: Third Order Effect	Application Area
	concerns if reservoir conditions worsen.	operations may be affected if safe water or wastewater service is interrupted.	critical facilities, or reservoir concern areas.	
Healthcare access, EMS demand, or medically vulnerable population support need during a power, water, heat, cold, or transportation-related incident	Health and Medical: EMS response, long-term care facilities, senior housing, residents who rely on electrically powered medical equipment, pharmacy access, limited local medical providers, patient movement, and medically vulnerable residents may be affected. Impacts may be more serious during power outages, extreme heat or cold, water disruptions, transportation limitations, or communications failures.	Transportation: Patient movement, EMS access, mutual aid response, staff access, pharmacy access, and movement to hospitals outside Blanchester may be delayed or rerouted if rail activity, severe weather, blocked roads, or rural detours affect normal travel routes.	Communications: Dispatch coordination, responder radio use, cellular data, family notifications, healthcare partner coordination, public information, and situation updates may become more difficult if radio coverage, cellular service, dispatch pathways, or internet access are degraded.	Village of Blanchester / Affected healthcare and EMS service area
Rail blockage, rail incident, severe storm damage, or roadway disruption affecting SR-28, SR-123, SR-133, 2nd Creek Road, or local access routes	Transportation: Rail blockage, rail incident, storm debris, road closures, or damage to major two-lane routes may delay emergency response, mutual aid, school access, workforce movement, fuel delivery, supply movement, and access to healthcare, groceries, pharmacies, or family support. Rural detours may increase travel time for fire, EMS, law enforcement, utility crews, and mutual aid agencies.	Health and Medical: EMS response, patient transport, hospital access, staff movement, long-term care support, senior housing support, and medically vulnerable resident needs may be affected if routes are blocked, detours are extended, or mutual aid response is delayed.	Safety and Security: Law enforcement, fire, EMS, dispatch, traffic control, scene safety, evacuation or shelter-in-place coordination, public information, and mutual aid staging may require increased coordination, especially if the village is divided by rail activity or if storm damage creates multiple access issues at the same time.	Village of Blanchester / Rail corridor / SR-28 / SR-123 / SR-133 / 2nd Creek Road / Affected access routes

Scenario	Lifeline 1: First Order Effect	Lifeline 2: Second Order Effect	Lifeline 3: Third Order Effect	Application Area
Responder communications, dispatch coordination, MARCS/radio coverage, or cellular/data reliability issue during a complex incident	Communications: Coordination may be degraded between CCSO Dispatch, Wilmington Dispatch, Blanchester Police, Blanchester EMS, Blanchester-Marion Township Fire, mutual aid agencies, village officials, utility partners, and field responders. MARCS/radio coverage concerns, cellular data limitations, internet issues, power loss, or dispatch coordination challenges may slow information sharing during severe weather, rail incidents, power outages, water emergencies, or multi-agency operations.	Safety and Security: Law enforcement, fire, EMS, traffic control, warning coordination, welfare checks, mutual aid coordination, and public information may become less efficient if responders, dispatch centers, and field units do not have reliable communications or common operating information.	Health and Medical: EMS response coordination, long-term care facility support, senior housing welfare checks, medical-device resident support, patient movement, hospital coordination, and healthcare partner notifications may be delayed or made less reliable if communications systems are degraded.	Village of Blanchester / Dispatch and responder communications service area

Sample Lifeline Impact Statement

Energy is Degraded, affecting municipal electric service, water and wastewater operations, long-term care facilities, senior housing, schools, businesses, fuel access, communications, electronic payments, and medically vulnerable residents in and around Blanchester, trend **Worsening**, estimated duration **24–48 hours**, with potential cascading impacts to water systems, health and medical support, communications, public safety coordination, food access, and public information needs.

6. Declaration Conversation Indicators

Declaration Conversation Indicators in this profile are marked with the discussion icon. The icon identifies conditions that should prompt leadership discussion and is not an automatic emergency declaration trigger. The indicators in this profile are focused primarily on the Top Five Overall Lifeline Concerns identified for the Village of Blanchester in Section B.4. Cascading impacts involving other lifelines may also warrant leadership discussion when conditions worsen, essential services are affected, vulnerable populations may require support, or outside resources may be needed.

These indicators should prompt Blanchester elected officials, village leadership, Clinton County EMA, department heads, public safety agencies, utility partners, school officials, healthcare partners, and other appropriate stakeholders to begin discussing possible emergency declaration considerations. An indicator does not mean a declaration is required, approved, or automatically triggered.

Indicator	Application Area	When to Begin Declaration Conversation
Extended Electric Service Disruption Affecting Blanchester Utility-Dependent Services	Village of Blanchester / Affected electric service area / Local utility-dependent services	 When an electric outage is expected to last 24–72 hours or longer, affects a meaningful portion of the Blanchester electric service area, affects critical facilities or vulnerable populations, creates generator refueling concerns, limits retail fuel access, affects public water or wastewater operations, impacts long-term care facilities, senior housing, schools, residents who rely on electrically powered medical equipment, communications, or electronic payment systems, or occurs during extreme heat or cold. Discussion should account for the Blanchester electric dependency chain involving IMPA power supply / purchased power, Duke Energy delivery, and Blanchester Board of Public Affairs local distribution and resale responsibilities.
Public Water, Wastewater, or Upground Reservoir Concern	Village of Blanchester water / wastewater service area / Affected customers, facilities, and reservoir concern areas	 When a public water or wastewater disruption affects potable water, water pressure, wastewater collection, wastewater treatment, lift stations, toilet flushing, sanitation, fire suppression, schools, food service, long-term care facilities, senior housing, large-population facilities, or public health for more than one operational period or when restoration is uncertain. Discussion should also begin when Class I upground reservoir conditions worsen, pool level restrictions or other operating limitations affect water system operations, seepage or structural concerns develop, emergency drawdown actions may be needed, or adjacent residential protective action considerations may become necessary.
Healthcare Access, EMS Demand, or Medically Vulnerable Population Support Need	Village of Blanchester / Affected healthcare and EMS service area	 When EMS demand, patient movement, long-term care facility support, senior housing support, pharmacy access, limited local medical provider access, residents who rely on electrically powered medical equipment, or medically vulnerable residents are affected in a way that delays or prevents time-sensitive care, creates welfare-check needs, requires outside medical coordination, or exceeds normal local capability. Because there is no hospital in Blanchester, discussion should also begin when transportation, communications, staffing, hospital capacity, or incident conditions may affect access to outside healthcare facilities, including TriHealth Clinton Regional Hospital in Wilmington, Bethesda Medical Center / Arrow Springs in Warren County, Mercy Health facilities in Clermont County, or Mercy Health – Mt. Orab Emergency Department in Brown County when clinically and operationally appropriate.
Transportation Access, Rail Separation, School Access, or Supply Route Disruption	Village of Blanchester / SR-28 / SR-123 / SR-133 / 2nd Creek Road / Rail corridor / Affected access routes	 When transportation disruption significantly limits emergency response access, delays mutual aid, affects EMS or fire response, blocks or delays access to schools, large employers, long-term care facilities, senior housing, fuel, groceries, pharmacies, healthcare facilities, or hospital transport routes, or requires extended rural detours. Discussion should also begin when a rail blockage or rail incident divides portions of the village, blocks normal response routes, affects downtown access, limits access to SR-28, SR-123, SR-133, or 2nd Creek Road, or creates a prolonged access issue that cannot be managed through normal local routing and coordination.

Indicator	Application Area	When to Begin Declaration Conversation
Responder Communications, Dispatch Coordination, MARCS / Radio Coverage, or Data Reliability Concern	Village of Blanchester / Dispatch and responder communications service area	 When communications disruption affects coordination between CCSO Dispatch, Wilmington Dispatch, Blanchester Police, Blanchester EMS, Blanchester-Marion Township Fire, mutual aid agencies, village officials, utility partners, school officials, healthcare partners, or field responders. Discussion should begin when MARCS or responder radio coverage is unreliable, dispatch coordination is delayed, cellular or data service is degraded, public information cannot be shared effectively, or communications limitations affect emergency response, water or utility coordination, severe weather response, rail incidents, school incidents, long-term care support, or multi-agency operations.

Notes: Declaration Conversation Indicators are planning and decision-support prompts. They do not automatically trigger an emergency declaration and do not replace local judgment, elected official authority, or the emergency declaration process. The indicators in this table focus on the Top Five Overall Lifeline Concerns identified for Blanchester; however, cascading impacts involving other lifelines may also warrant leadership discussion when essential services are affected, impacts are worsening or prolonged, vulnerable populations are at risk, local capability may be exceeded, or outside resources, emergency purchasing, mutual aid, or policy-level coordination may be needed.

Routine service interruptions, short-duration outages, isolated inconvenience, or incidents that can be managed with normal local resources do not typically require a declaration conversation unless conditions worsen or create broader cascading impacts. When local officials determine that an emergency declaration may be needed, they should refer to *06.05.05 - Playbook - Damage Assessment & Disaster Declaration* for the declaration process, documentation steps, and related guidance.

7. Mitigation Discussion Points

Mitigation Discussion Points are not policy directives, unfunded mandates, or assumptions that Clinton County, the Village of Blanchester, or any local partner can require outside providers, utilities, healthcare systems, private businesses, jurisdictions, or other organizations to expand capability beyond their financial, staffing, regulatory, statutory, or operational limits. Many lifeline systems remain the planning and operational responsibility of the provider, jurisdiction, owner, or operator.

The purpose of this table is to support realistic discussion about known dependencies, existing limitations, provider responsibilities, county and village coordination touchpoints, public messaging needs, resource request pathways, feasible mitigation options, and future grant or capital planning opportunities where appropriate. For village-controlled items, discussion may be more action-oriented. For systems outside village or county control, discussion should focus on understanding responsibilities, documenting realistic gaps, identifying coordination pathways, and planning around known limitations before an incident occurs.

Coordination and Mitigation Discussion Point	Application Area	Coordination / Feasibility Discussion Focus	Future Local Review Focus
Blanchester Electric Continuity and Backup Power Readiness	Village of Blanchester / Affected electric service area / Utility-dependent services	Clarify Blanchester's electric dependency chain involving IMPA purchased power / generation, Duke Energy delivery, and Blanchester Board of Public Affairs local distribution and resale responsibilities. Discussion should focus on local outage notification pathways, restoration coordination, critical facility impacts, backup power capability, transfer switch readiness, generator connection points, refueling expectations, and realistic limitations during extended power outages.	Review backup power capability for public facilities, water and wastewater operations, communications needs, schools, long-term care facilities, senior housing, local medical providers, and other essential services. Confirm generator connection readiness, facility responsibility for electrical connection and fuel, refueling options, notification thresholds for critical facility outages, and feasible grant or capital planning opportunities.
Public Water, Wastewater, and Upground Reservoir Continuity	Village of Blanchester water / wastewater service area / Reservoir concern areas / Affected customers and facilities	Clarify Blanchester water plant, water storage, upground reservoir, distribution, wastewater, and lift station dependencies during power outages, equipment failures, water main breaks, contamination concerns, reservoir operating limitations, or prolonged service interruptions. Discussion should include customer notification roles, fire suppression impacts, emergency water options, and coordination needs involving adjacent residential areas near Class I upground reservoirs.	Validate public water and wastewater system backup power, water storage limitations, lift station or treatment concerns, emergency water supply options, boil notice messaging, fire suppression water limitations, school and healthcare facility water needs, long-term care and senior housing impacts, Class I upground reservoir monitoring concerns, pool level restrictions or other operating limitations used as mitigation, dam emergency coordination pathways, adjacent residential protective action considerations, and major water-dependent business concerns.
Healthcare, Long-Term Care, Senior Housing, and Medically Vulnerable Resident Continuity	Village of Blanchester / Affected healthcare and EMS service area	Clarify coordination needs involving EMS, long-term care facilities, senior housing, residents who rely on electrically powered medical equipment, local medical providers, pharmacy access, and outside hospital access. Discussion should recognize that healthcare facilities and providers retain responsibility for their own continuity planning, while village and county coordination may support situational awareness, welfare-check coordination,	Review EMS demand patterns, long-term care facility dependencies, senior housing concerns, generator and HVAC limitations, medical-device backup power needs, pharmacy access, limited local medical provider access, welfare-check coordination, patient movement limitations, and transportation routes to outside healthcare facilities in Wilmington, Warren County, Clermont County, and Brown County, including Mercy Health – Mt. Drab Emergency Department when clinically and operationally appropriate.

Coordination and Mitigation Discussion Point	Application Area	Coordination / Feasibility Discussion Focus	Future Local Review Focus
		transportation concerns, resource requests, and public messaging.	
Transportation Access, Rail Separation, and Priority Route Planning	Village of Blancheſter / SR-28 / SR-123 / SR-133 / 2nd Creek Road / Rail corridor / Affected access routes	Identify transportation corridors, rail crossings, rural detours, emergency access routes, and ſupply routes that create operational concern when diſrupted. Diſcuſſion ſhould focus on EMS and fire access, mutual aid routing, ſchool access, large employer access, fuel and ſupply movement, hoſpital transport routes, ſtorm debris, rail blockage, and realistic alternate routing options when normal routes are blocked or delayed.	Review SR-28, SR-123, SR-133, 2nd Creek Road, rail crossing vulnerabilities, prolonged rail blockage concerns, emergency reſponse route options, mutual aid access from Warren, Clermont, and Brown County areas, ſchool and employer access, fuel and ſupply delivery routes, hoſpital transport routes, rural detour limitations, traffic control needs, and coordination procedures during rail incidents, roadway closures, or ſevere ſtorm impacts.
Responder Communications, Diſpatch Coordination, and MARCS / Radio Reliability	Village of Blancheſter / Diſpatch and reſponder communications ſervice area	Clarify communications pathways between CCSO Diſpatch, Wilmington Diſpatch, Blancheſter Police, Blancheſter EMS, Blancheſter-Marion Townſhip Fire, mutual aid agencies, village officials, utility partners, ſchool officials, healthcare partners, and field reſponders. Diſcuſſion ſhould focus on reſponder coordination, MARCS and radio coverage concerns, diſpatch coordination, cellular and data reliability, backup communications, and ſhared ſituational awareness during complex incidents.	Review diſpatch coordination procedures, MARCS / radio coverage concerns, cellular data limitations, reſponder interoperability, backup communications options, mutual aid communications pathways, field-to-diſpatch information flow, public information coordination, and communications procedures for power outages, ſevere weather, rail incidents, ſchool incidents, water emergencies, and long-term care ſupport needs.
Fuel Access and Generator Refueling Coordination	Village of Blancheſter / Affected fuel ſupply area / Generator-dependent facilities and ſervices	Clarify fuel access dependencies during power outages, transportation diſruptions, payment ſystem outages, or ſupply chain delays. Diſcuſſion ſhould focus on priority fuel needs, retail fuel limitations, generator refueling expectations, emergency vehicle fueling, public works and utility fuel needs, long-term care facility continuity, and realistic county or village coordination roles.	Identify fuel vendors, retail fuel ſites, generator fuel conſumption expectations, emergency vehicle fueling options, public works and utility refueling needs, long-term care and ſenior housing refueling concerns, payment ſystem limitations, and coordination procedures for fuel delivery during extended or regional incidents.

Coordination and Mitigation Discussion Point	Application Area	Coordination / Feasibility Discussion Focus	Future Local Review Focus
Recurring Event Access, Public Safety, and Communications Coordination	Downtown Blanchester / Main Street / Broadway Street / South Broadway / Event areas	Clarify planning needs for recurring events that temporarily increase downtown population, pedestrian activity, traffic congestion, parking limitations, emergency access concerns, public safety presence, and event communications needs. Discussion should include fireworks-related coordination where applicable, severe weather contingencies, heat exposure, EMS access, and traffic movement before and after events.	Review pre-event coordination procedures for the July 4th Celebration, National Night Out, and Fall Festival / Car Show. Confirm emergency access routes, traffic control plans, event communications, public safety staging, fireworks coordination, weather monitoring, public information procedures, and contingency actions for power outages, severe weather, extreme heat, or other lifeline disruptions during event periods.

The purpose of this table is to identify practical mitigation discussion points that may reduce future Blanchester lifeline impacts, limit cascading effects, improve local resilience, support continuity of essential services, or clarify resource needs before an incident occurs. The table focuses primarily on the Top Five Overall Lifeline Concerns identified for Blanchester in Section B.4, but may also include cross-cutting mitigation topics involving other lifelines when those issues are closely connected to local vulnerabilities, recurring impacts, or second- and third-order effects.

This table is not intended to list every possible mitigation project or every FEMA Community Lifeline. It is intended to support local discussion, future review, and prioritization of actions that may reduce the most likely or most consequential lifeline impacts affecting the Village of Blanchester.

8. Relevant Lifelines and Sub-Sectors

FEMA Community Lifeline	Relevant Sub-Sectors	Application Area	Asset / Dependency / Concern	Why It Matters
Safety and Security	Law Enforcement; Fire Services; Emergency Operations / Coordination; Community Safety; Protective Actions	Village of Blanchester / Event areas / Rail corridor / Reservoir concern areas	Blanchester Police, fire services, EMS coordination, traffic control, event public safety, rail-related access issues, mutual aid coordination, and protective action considerations for reservoir or severe weather incidents.	Safety and Security is not one of Blanchester's Top Five Overall Lifeline Concerns, but it remains important during complex incidents involving rail blockage, severe storms, special events, utility outages, water emergencies, or protective action decisions near residential areas.

FEMA Community Lifeline	Relevant Sub-Sectors	Application Area	Asset / Dependency / Concern	Why It Matters
Food, Hydration, Shelter	Food Access / Distribution; Commercial Food Supply; Hydration Support / Drinking Water Access; Heating / Cooling Centers; Congregate Emergency Shelters; Hotels / Temporary Lodging	Village of Blanchester / Downtown event areas / Affected neighborhoods and facilities	Local grocery, pharmacy, fuel, and convenience store access; nearby regional grocery options within reasonable drive time when roads are open; event hydration needs; possible cooling or warming needs during extended power outages or extreme temperatures.	Food, Hydration, Shelter is not one of Blanchester's Top Five Overall Lifeline Concerns, but may become important during extended power outages, water disruptions, transportation issues, severe weather, or large events. Impacts may be more serious for older adults, residents without transportation, long-term care facilities, senior housing, and residents with limited household supplies.
Health and Medical	EMS / Patient Movement; Pharmacy; Primary Care / Outpatient Providers; Long-Term Care / Residential Care; Vulnerable / At-Risk Population Support; Medical Supply Chain	Village of Blanchester / Affected healthcare and EMS service area / Long-term care and senior housing areas	Blanchester EMS, two long-term care facilities, senior housing areas, residents who rely on electrically powered medical equipment, local pharmacy access, limited local medical providers, and no hospital within the village.	Health and Medical is a Top Five concern for Blanchester because medically vulnerable residents, long-term care facilities, senior housing, and EMS demand may be affected quickly by power outages, extreme heat or cold, water disruptions, transportation limitations, or communications failures. Hospital and emergency department access depends on transportation to facilities outside Blanchester, including facilities in Wilmington, Warren County, Clermont County, and Brown County. Mercy Health – Mt. Orab Emergency Department may provide an additional transport option when clinically and operationally appropriate.
Energy	Electric Supply / Generation / Purchased Power; Electric Transmission / Substations; Electric Distribution / Local Electric Systems; Municipal Electric Service / Resale; Backup Power /	Village of Blanchester / Affected electric service area / Utility-dependent facilities and services	Blanchester electric service dependency chain involving IMPA purchased power / generation, Duke Energy delivery, and Blanchester Board of Public Affairs local distribution and resale responsibilities. Backup	Energy is Blanchester's highest lifeline concern because electric disruption can quickly cascade into water and wastewater operations, long-term care and senior housing support, medical device needs, communications, fuel access, electronic payments, schools, business continuity, and public safety coordination.

FEMA Community Lifeline	Relevant Sub-Sectors	Application Area	Asset / Dependency / Concern	Why It Matters
	Generator Support; Motor Fuel Retail Access; Generator Fuel Resupply; Energy Restoration Coordination		power, generator limitations, fuel access, and critical facility dependencies are key concerns.	
Communications	911 / Dispatch; Responder Radio Communications, including MARCS; Cellular / Wireless Communications; Wireline / Cable / Internet; Alerts and Warnings; Data / Information Systems; Continuity Communications / Backup Communications; Finance / Electronic Payment Processing	Village of Blanchester / Dispatch and responder communications service area / Multi-agency incident areas	Split dispatch coordination involving CCSO Dispatch for Blanchester Police and EMS and Wilmington Dispatch for fire; MARCS / radio coverage concerns; cellular and data reliability; public information; responder interoperability; and backup communications during power outages, severe weather, rail incidents, water emergencies, or multi-agency operations.	Communications is a Top Five concern because responder coordination, dispatch reliability, mutual aid coordination, public information, healthcare notifications, school coordination, utility coordination, and electronic payment access may be affected when radio, cellular, data, internet, or dispatch pathways are degraded.
Transportation	Roadways; Rail; Bridges / Access Points; Logistics Corridors; Debris-Affected Routes; Evacuation / Reentry Routes; School Transportation / Buses	Village of Blanchester / SR-28 / SR-123 / SR-133 / 2nd Creek Road / Rail corridor / Affected access routes	Major two-lane route dependency on SR-28, SR-123, and SR-133; limited rural detour options including 2nd Creek Road; the IDRY rail corridor bisecting the village; potential rail blockage; and access to schools, large employers, long-term care facilities, senior housing, fuel, pharmacies, and outside healthcare facilities. SR-123 also provides an important southern route toward Brown County for EMS	Transportation is a Top Five concern because rail blockage, severe weather, storm debris, roadway closure, or rural detour limitations may delay EMS, fire, law enforcement, mutual aid, utility restoration, school access, workforce movement, fuel delivery, supply movement, and patient transport to hospitals outside Blanchester.

FEMA Community Lifeline	Relevant Sub-Sectors	Application Area	Asset / Dependency / Concern	Why It Matters
			transport, mutual aid, and alternate access	
Hazardous Materials	Extremely Hazardous Substance Facilities; Tier II / Hazardous Chemical Reporting Facilities; Transportation-Related Hazmat; Fuel / Pipeline Concerns; Pollutants and Contaminants; Environmental Impact / Cleanup Coordination	Village of Blanchester / Rail corridor / Fixed facilities / Transportation routes	Limited Tier II and EHS concerns, sulfuric acid battery-related concern where applicable, fuel-related hazards, rail or roadway transportation-related hazardous materials concerns, and environmental cleanup coordination needs.	Hazardous Materials is not one of Blanchester's Top Five Overall Lifeline Concerns, but rail, roadway, fixed-facility, fuel, or battery-related incidents could require evacuation, shelter-in-place, traffic control, fire response, public information, environmental coordination, or water system protection actions.
Water Systems	Potable Water Infrastructure; Water Treatment; Water Storage; Water Distribution; Wastewater Collection; Wastewater Treatment; Wastewater Discharge; Stormwater / Drainage Systems; Water Control / Dams / Impoundments; Water System Backup Power / Operational Continuity	Village of Blanchester water / wastewater service area / Affected customers, facilities, and reservoir concern areas	Blanchester water plant, multiple water reservoirs, water distribution, wastewater operations, lift station or treatment concerns, fire suppression water needs, boil notice messaging, Class I upground reservoir monitoring, pool level restrictions or other operating limitations, and adjacent residential protective action considerations.	Water Systems is a Top Five concern because disruption may affect drinking water, sanitation, wastewater service, fire suppression, schools, long-term care facilities, senior housing, food service, public health, business continuity, and residential needs. Upground reservoir concerns may also create monitoring, protective action, transportation, and emergency coordination needs near adjacent neighborhoods.

9. Planning Assumptions

The following planning assumptions describe local conditions, dependencies, limitations, and likely operational concerns that may affect lifeline impacts in the Village of Blanchester. These assumptions are intended to support planning, discussion, incident-specific assessment, and future local review. They should be reviewed and updated as local conditions, provider capabilities, infrastructure, service areas, and operational practices change.

- **Village and County Coordination Role:** Blanchester retains local responsibility for village operations, public services, local utility functions, and local incident coordination. Clinton County generally serves in a coordination and support role rather than a command role. Tactical operations remain under Incident Command, while county-level coordination may support situational awareness, resource coordination, public information, policy discussion, lifeline impact tracking, and connection to regional or state partners.
- **Cross-County Coordination:** The incorporated Village of Blanchester is located entirely within Clinton County but is near Warren, Clermont, and Brown Counties. The broader Blanchester ZIP Code includes addresses in all four counties; however, ZIP Code boundaries do not represent the incorporated village boundary or Blanchester EMS operational jurisdiction addressed by this profile. Regional proximity creates planning considerations involving mutual aid, public messaging, commuter movement, healthcare access, transportation routing, and service dependencies that may extend beyond Clinton County.
- **Provider and Owner Responsibility:** Many lifeline systems affecting Blanchester are owned, operated, restored, regulated, or funded by outside providers, utilities, healthcare systems, private businesses, special districts, state agencies, municipalities, or other organizations. Local and county officials may coordinate, document impacts, support public messaging, and request resources, but may not control restoration timelines or provider operational decisions.
- **Early Local Self-Reliance:** During major, regional, or widespread incidents, Blanchester should expect a period of local self-reliance before state, federal, contracted, or mutual aid resources are available. Local capabilities, household preparedness, provider continuity plans, village coordination, and county support will strongly influence early lifeline stability.
- **Cascading Lifeline Impacts:** Disruption to one lifeline may quickly affect others. Energy, Water Systems, Health and Medical, Transportation, and Communications are the Top Five Overall Lifeline Concerns for Blanchester, but other FEMA Community Lifelines, including Safety and Security, Food, Hydration, Shelter, and Hazardous Materials, may become significant as second- or third-order impacts.
- **Energy Dependency:** Extended power outages may create broad cascading impacts affecting water systems, wastewater systems, communications, fuel access, medical device support, long-term care facilities, senior housing, limited local medical services, retail food access, electronic payments, business continuity, schools, public safety coordination, and household sustainment.
- **Blanchester Electric Dependency Chain:** Blanchester's electric service depends on an interdependent chain involving IMPA power supply / purchased power, Duke Energy delivery, and Blanchester Board of Public Affairs local distribution and resale responsibilities. A disruption at any point in this chain may affect village customers, utility operations, critical facilities, businesses, schools, and residential areas.
- **Limited Local Control Over Electric Restoration:** Blanchester has local electric distribution and resale functions through the Board of Public Affairs, but some outage causes, delivery issues, restoration dependencies, and power supply concerns may depend on outside utility or power provider actions. Restoration priorities and timelines may not fully align with local preference, public expectation, or village operational priorities.
- **Extreme Temperature Outage Concern:** Power outages during extreme heat or extreme cold may create faster and more serious impacts in Blanchester because of long-term care facilities, senior housing, residents who rely on electrically powered medical equipment, limited local medical options, and the need to sustain heating, cooling, refrigeration, communications, and water/wastewater operations.

- **Backup Power Limitations:** Backup power capability is finite. Some public facilities, critical facilities, healthcare or residential care facilities, utility systems, communications needs, businesses, or essential service locations may have limited backup generation, transfer switch capability, fuel planning, generator connection readiness, or HVAC coverage. Backup power should not be assumed to support all normal facility operations.
- **Fuel as a Limiting Factor:** Fuel availability may become a limiting factor for emergency response, public works, utility restoration, generator operations, healthcare continuity, long-term care and senior housing support, business continuity, and household sustainment. Fuel access may be affected by power outages, payment system disruptions, transportation delays, delivery limitations, or regional supply constraints.
- **Water and Wastewater Service Responsibility:** Blancheester operates local water and wastewater systems. Public water and wastewater impacts should be assessed based on affected customers, treatment capability, water storage, distribution, wastewater collection, wastewater treatment, lift station or pumping needs, fire suppression impacts, customer notification, emergency water options, and dependency on electric power and staff availability.
- **Upground Reservoir and Class I Dam Concerns:** Blancheester has Class I upground reservoir concerns that may affect water system operations, monitoring needs, operating limitations, emergency drawdown considerations, public information, and protective action decision-making. Where residential neighborhoods are adjacent to reservoir embankments or sidewalls of concern, protective action considerations may develop faster than in more isolated dam or reservoir settings.
- **Pool Level Restrictions and Operating Limitations:** Pool level restrictions or other operating limitations used as mitigation may reduce risk but may also affect operational planning, water storage, monitoring expectations, public information needs, maintenance planning, or coordination with regulatory and technical partners.
- **Healthcare Continuity:** Blancheester does not have a hospital. EMS, long-term care facilities, senior housing, pharmacies, limited local medical providers, public health, and other healthcare partners remain responsible for their own continuity planning, but lifeline disruptions may increase EMS demand, patient movement needs, prescription continuity concerns, medical device support needs, welfare-check coordination, and coordination with hospitals outside the village.
- **Outside Hospital Access:** Patient movement and hospital access for Blancheester may depend on transportation routes to facilities outside the village, including Warren County, Wilmington, and Clermont County. Transportation disruption, rail blockage, severe weather, communications failure, or regional healthcare strain may affect hospital access, patient transfer, EMS turnaround time, or mutual aid coordination.
- **Medically Vulnerable Residents:** Aging residents, medically fragile individuals, residents who rely on electrically powered medical equipment, medication-dependent residents, long-term care residents, senior housing residents, and residents with limited transportation may experience serious impacts sooner than the general population during power, transportation, communications, water, wastewater, or healthcare disruptions.
- **School and Employer Concentration:** Blancheester includes an elementary school and a school campus serving middle school through high school and district office functions. Large employers and school facilities may create concentrated population, transportation, communications, reunification, public information, and emergency access concerns during incidents affecting the east side of the village, major routes, utilities, or severe weather response.

- **Transportation Access:** Blanchester depends on SR-28, SR-123, SR-133, 2nd Creek Road, local streets, rural detours, and the IORY rail corridor for emergency response, mutual aid, school access, workforce movement, supply delivery, and patient transport. SR-123 provides an important southern route toward Brown County and may support EMS transport, mutual aid access, and alternate routing. Rail blockage, severe weather, roadway damage, debris, or simultaneous route closures may increase travel time or divide normal access within and around the village.
- **Rail Separation and Access:** The IORY rail line bisects Blanchester and may create access limitations during rail blockage, rail incidents, or prolonged train activity. Although EMS, schools, large employers, long-term care facilities, and senior living areas are generally on the same side of the rail line, rail activity may still delay mutual aid, divide portions of the village, affect fire apparatus movement, complicate downtown access, and require longer rural detours.
- **Mutual Aid Access:** Blanchester may benefit from nearby mutual aid resources in Warren, Clermont, and Brown Counties, but mutual aid response may depend on rural state routes, rail crossing availability, weather conditions, road closures, dispatch coordination, and communications interoperability. Mutual aid should be considered available but not instantaneous.
- **Communications and Dispatch Dependency:** Blanchester emergency response depends on coordination across multiple dispatch and communications pathways. CCSO dispatches Blanchester Police and Blanchester EMS, while Wilmington Dispatch covers Blanchester-Marion Township Fire. Complex incidents may require close coordination between dispatch centers, field responders, mutual aid agencies, village officials, utility partners, schools, and healthcare facilities.
- **MARCS, Cellular, and Data Reliability:** Responder communications, cellular service, internet connectivity, and data systems may vary by location, carrier, structure type, power availability, and incident conditions. Communications disruptions may affect dispatch coordination, responder operations, public information, family check-ins, healthcare notifications, electronic payments, and business point-of-sale systems.
- **Public Warning Expectations:** Residents may expect reliable warning and public information during severe weather, especially given local concern about damaging wind and tornado threats. Outdoor warning sirens may remain a public expectation, but public warning should not depend on sirens alone. Multiple warning pathways, including weather radios, mobile alerts, local public information, and partner messaging, remain important.
- **Food, Hydration, Shelter as a Cascading Impact:** Food, Hydration, Shelter is not one of Blanchester's Top Five Overall Lifeline Concerns, but it may become significant during extended power outages, water disruptions, transportation limitations, extreme heat or cold, large events, or electronic payment disruptions. Grocery, pharmacy, convenience store, fuel, and nearby regional retail access may reduce some risk when roads and payment systems remain functional.
- **Recurring Events:** Blanchester recurring events, including the July 4th Celebration, National Night Out, and the Fall Festival / Car Show, may temporarily increase population, traffic congestion, pedestrian activity, parking demand, emergency access needs, communications needs, public safety presence, and EMS demand. Fireworks associated with some events may increase evening crowd concentration, post-event traffic movement, fire safety considerations, and public information needs.
- **Hazardous Materials and Rail Concerns:** Hazardous Materials is not one of Blanchester's Top Five Overall Lifeline Concerns, but rail, roadway, fuel, fixed-facility, battery-related, or transportation-related incidents may

require evacuation, shelter-in-place, traffic control, fire response, public information, environmental coordination, or water system protection actions.

- **Household Preparedness Varies:** Household preparedness levels vary across Blanchester. Some households may sustain themselves for several days, while others may need earlier support due to limited supplies, income constraints, medical needs, transportation limits, power dependency, lack of backup options, or limited access to family support.
- **Public Expectations May Exceed Capability:** Public expectations regarding restoration timelines, utility capability, resource availability, government capability, and service continuity may exceed actual operational capacity during prolonged or widespread incidents. Clear public information and expectation-setting will be important during lifeline disruptions.
- **Mutual Aid and Partner Support May Be Limited:** Neighboring jurisdictions and regional partners may be affected by the same incident, reducing mutual aid availability and increasing competition for limited resources, fuel, specialized teams, contractors, generators, transportation assets, sheltering support, or healthcare capacity.
- **Information Will Be Imperfect:** Lifeline impact information may be incomplete, delayed, conflicting, or rapidly changing during the early stages of an incident. Lifeline status, scope, trend, duration, resource need, and cascading impacts should be updated as better information becomes available.
- **Operational Sustainability Matters:** Long-duration or cascading incidents may strain village officials, local responders, dispatch coordination, public works, utility staff, healthcare partners, county EOC support, volunteer organizations, and elected leadership. Planning should account for fatigue, competing priorities, limited staffing depth, and the need to sustain coordination over multiple operational periods.
- **Incident-Specific Assessment Still Controls:** These assumptions provide a planning baseline only. Actual decisions should be based on verified incident conditions, village and provider updates, field reports, lifeline status, scope of impact, trend, duration, resource needs, and cascading effects.

10. Items for Future Local Review

The following items should be reviewed with Village of Blanchester officials, county departments, utility providers, public safety agencies, school officials, healthcare partners, regional partners, and other appropriate stakeholders as the Blanchester Lifeline Profile is validated, updated, exercised, or revised. These items are not action assignments or policy directives. They identify topics where local confirmation, provider input, updated data, operational lessons, or future coordination may improve the accuracy and usefulness of this profile.

- **Top Five Lifeline Concerns:** Review whether the Top Five Overall Lifeline Concerns for Blanchester remain accurate based on recent incidents, village feedback, provider updates, infrastructure changes, hazard trends, exercises, after-action reviews, and operational experience.
- **Blanchester Electric Dependency Chain:** Review the electric service dependency chain involving IMPA power supply / purchased power, Duke Energy delivery, and Blanchester Board of Public Affairs local distribution and resale responsibilities. Confirm whether outage notification, restoration coordination, and critical facility awareness remain accurate.

- **Energy and Backup Power Dependencies:** Review backup power capability, transfer switch readiness, generator connection points, fuel planning, refueling expectations, utility restoration dependencies, and realistic limits on local control over electric restoration. Include public facilities, water and wastewater operations, long-term care facilities, senior housing, schools, communications needs, and other essential service locations.
- **Extreme Temperature Power Outage Planning:** Review lessons from prior power outages during extreme heat or cold, especially impacts involving long-term care facilities, senior housing, residents who rely on electrically powered medical equipment, generator limitations, HVAC limitations, cooling or warming support, and public messaging.
- **Public Water and Wastewater System Continuity:** Validate Blanchester water plant, water storage, distribution, wastewater collection, wastewater treatment, lift station or pumping concerns, backup power capability, emergency water supply options, boil notice messaging, customer notification pathways, fire suppression water limitations, and major water-dependent facility or business concerns.
- **Class I Upground Reservoir Concerns:** Review Class I upground reservoir monitoring, pool level restrictions or other operating limitations used as mitigation, dam emergency coordination pathways, emergency drawdown considerations, public information needs, regulatory coordination, and adjacent residential protective action considerations while avoiding sensitive infrastructure details in the unrestricted profile.
- **Long-Term Care, Senior Housing, and Medically Vulnerable Residents:** Review EMS demand patterns, long-term care facility dependencies, senior housing concerns, residents who rely on electrically powered medical equipment, medication continuity, pharmacy access, welfare-check coordination, patient movement limitations, and healthcare partner communication pathways.
- **Local Medical Access and Outside Hospital Routes:** Review limited local medical provider access, pharmacy access, EMS transport considerations, and transportation routes to outside healthcare facilities in Wilmington, Warren County, Clermont County, and Brown County. Include Mercy Health – Mt. Drab Emergency Department as a potential transport option when clinically and operationally appropriate. Confirm how rail blockage, severe weather, road closures, communications issues, hospital capacity, or regional healthcare strain may affect patient movement.
- **School and Large-Population Facility Considerations:** Review Blanchester school facilities, including the elementary school and the middle school / junior high / high school / district office campus, along with large employers and other locations where concentrated populations may affect transportation, communications, reunification, public information, medical response, or utility continuity.
- **Transportation Access and Rail Separation:** Review SR-28, SR-123, SR-133, 2nd Creek Road, local access routes, rural detour limitations, rail crossing vulnerabilities, prolonged rail blockage concerns, downtown access, mutual aid routing, fire apparatus movement, EMS access, school access, employer access, supply movement, and hospital transport routes. Include SR-123 as an important southern route toward Brown County and as a potential EMS, mutual aid, and alternate-access corridor.
- **Mutual Aid Access and Routing:** Review mutual aid access from Warren, Clermont, and Brown County areas, including likely travel routes, rail crossing limitations, severe weather effects, rural state route limitations, communications interoperability, dispatch coordination, and staging considerations during complex incidents.
- **Responder Communications and Dispatch Coordination:** Confirm communications pathways between CCSO Dispatch, Wilmington Dispatch, Blanchester Police, Blanchester EMS, Blanchester-Marion Township Fire, mutual

aid agencies, village officials, utility partners, schools, healthcare facilities, and county partners. Review procedures for complex incidents requiring coordination across more than one dispatch pathway.

- **MARCS, Cellular, Internet, and Data Reliability:** Review MARCS / responder radio coverage concerns, cellular data limitations, carrier variability, internet dependencies, backup communications options, public information workarounds, electronic payment impacts, and communications needs during power outages, severe weather, rail incidents, water emergencies, school incidents, and long-term care support needs.
- **Fuel Access and Generator Refueling Coordination:** Review fuel vendors, retail fuel access, emergency vehicle fueling, public works and utility fuel needs, generator fuel consumption expectations, long-term care and senior housing refueling concerns, payment system limitations, and coordination pathways for fuel delivery during extended or regional incidents.
- **Food, Hydration, Shelter as a Cascading Impact:** Review how grocery, pharmacy, convenience store, fuel, hydration, cooling, warming, or temporary shelter needs may develop during extended power outages, water disruptions, transportation limitations, severe weather, electronic payment outages, or large events. Confirm nearby retail options and realistic access assumptions when roads and payment systems are functioning.
- **Recurring Event Review:** Review lifeline considerations for the July 4th Celebration, National Night Out, and Fall Festival / Car Show, including road closures, traffic detours, pedestrian movement, parking limitations, fireworks coordination, emergency access, public safety staffing, EMS coverage, event communications, weather monitoring, and contingency actions for power outages, severe weather, extreme heat, or other lifeline disruptions during event periods.
- **Hazardous Materials and Rail-Related Concerns:** Review Blanchester fixed-facility, Tier II, EHS, battery-related, fuel-related, roadway, and rail transportation hazardous materials concerns. Confirm where hazardous materials incidents could affect evacuation, shelter-in-place, traffic control, fire response, public information, environmental coordination, water system protection, or rail corridor access.
- **Public Warning and Public Information:** Review public warning pathways, severe weather messaging, public information expectations, outdoor warning siren limitations, weather radio promotion, mobile alerting, local social media use, partner messaging, and public expectations during severe wind, tornado, power outage, water emergency, or event-related incidents.
- **Declaration Conversation Indicators:** Review whether the Blanchester Declaration Conversation Indicators remain practical, measurable, and useful for elected officials, village leadership, Clinton County EMA, public safety agencies, utility partners, school officials, healthcare partners, and other stakeholders. Update indicators as needed based on real incidents, exercises, after-action reviews, or changes in local capability.
- **Mitigation and Coordination Discussion Points:** Review whether B.7 remains framed appropriately as coordination, feasibility, provider responsibility, village responsibility, county support, and future review rather than as unfunded mandates or implied responsibility for systems outside local control.
- **Relevant Lifelines and Sub-Sectors:** Confirm that B.8 lists only the lifelines and sub-sectors meaningful to the Blanchester profile and does not over-list assets, duplicate the internal lifeline inventory, or include sensitive infrastructure details.
- **Planning Assumptions:** Review B.9 periodically to ensure assumptions remain realistic, especially those involving electric restoration, water and wastewater operations, upground reservoir concerns, long-term care and senior

housing support, medically vulnerable residents, transportation and rail access, communications, mutual aid, fuel limitations, recurring events, and operational sustainability.

- **D4H and Internal Inventory Alignment:** Confirm that the unrestricted Blanchester profile remains consistent with the internal lifeline inventory, D4H incident import structure, D4H boards, and operational records without including sensitive details that should remain in internal systems.
- **After-Action and Exercise Lessons:** Update this profile when after-action reports, hotwashes, exercises, incidents, provider meetings, school coordination, utility coordination, healthcare partner reviews, or village reviews identify new lifeline dependencies, outdated assumptions, missing coordination pathways, or practical improvements.
- **Future Village Review:** Use feedback from Blanchester elected officials, village staff, Board of Public Affairs representatives, public safety agencies, school officials, healthcare partners, utility providers, county departments, neighboring jurisdictions, and regional partners to refine this profile and improve consistency across future city and village lifeline profiles.