Local, state and national leaders have a very important role in the safety of the residents of the Bluestone Dam basin. Some responsibilities include:

- Understanding that the Bluestone Dam can flood downstream without a breach when emergency releases are required to protect the integrity of the dam.

- Work with the community, and leadership at all levels, to develop a detailed plan for each neighborhood.

- Create and execute an effective plan of action for all leadership levels.

- Create and plan dam safety drills (twice a year).

- Be prepared to provide critical information to the people in the New and Kanawha River Basin.

- Know that if the dam’s capacity is exceeded, the Corps will make large water releases.

- Be aware of post-relief flood measures – both care and recovery.

- Emphasize what leaders and residents need to know and do.

- Emphasize that residents should strongly consider purchasing flood insurance.

- Get the word out to “avoid all floodwaters.”

For more information, please visit www.FloodSmart.gov in addition to www.LivingNearDams.org. You may also visit the Corps of Engineers site at www.usace.army.mil and contact the USACE Huntington District Office at (304) 399-5353 or PublicAffairs@lrh01.usace.army.mil.