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Case No.: 99-03-043P

Mr. James Robey
County Executive
Howard County
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

Community: Howard County, Maryland

Community No.: 240044

Panel Affected: 0028 C

Effective Date of **MAR 04 1999**

This Revision:

102-D

Dear Mr. Robey:

This responds to a facsimile dated February 3, 1999, from Mr. Chris Krebs, P.E., Dewberry & Davis, requesting that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revise the effective Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community in accordance with Part 65 of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations. Mr. Krebs requested that FEMA revise the FIRM to show the effects of a revised hydrologic analysis and more detailed topographic information along three unnamed tributaries that join Stream LPR-2 approximately 600 feet upstream of Summer Hollow Lane.

All data required to complete our review of this request were submitted with letters from Ms. Elizabeth Anderson Calia, P.E., Chief, Transportation and Watershed Management Division, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, Howard County, and Mr. Krebs.

Because this Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) is being issued to correct a mapping or study analysis error, fees were not assessed for the review.

We have completed our review of the submitted data and the flood data shown on the effective FIRM. We have revised the FIRM to modify the floodplain boundary delineations of the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood) along the unnamed tributaries to Stream LPR-2. As a result of the modifications, the widths of the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), the areas that would be inundated by the base flood, for the unnamed tributaries to Stream LPR-2 decreased. The modifications are shown on the enclosed annotated copy of FIRM Panel(s) 0028 C. This LOMR hereby revises the above-referenced panel(s) of the effective FIRM dated April 2, 1997.

The modifications are effective as of the date shown above. The map panel(s) as listed above and as modified by this letter will be used for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued for your community.

A review of the determination made by this LOMR and any requests to alter this determination should be made within 30 days. Any request to alter the determination must be based on scientific or technical data.

We will not physically revise and republish the FIRM and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community to reflect the modifications made by this LOMR at this time. When changes to the previously cited FIRM panel(s) and FIS report warrant physical revision and republication in the future, we will incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR at that time.

Because this revision does not involve floodway changes, we are not revising the Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (FBFM); therefore, no annotated copies of the FBFM are enclosed. Unless a subsequent physical map revision involves floodway changes for the FBFM panel(s), we will not revise the FBFM to show the modifications described in this LOMR.

This LOMR is based on minimum floodplain management criteria established under the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all floodplain development, and for ensuring all necessary permits required by Federal or State law have been received. State, county, and community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction in the SFHA. If the State, county, or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP criteria.

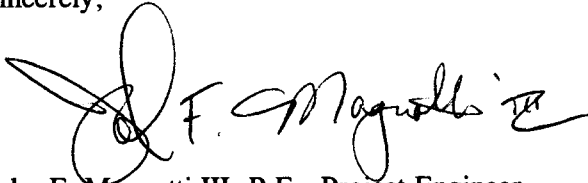
Because this LOMR will not be printed and distributed to primary users, such as local insurance agents and mortgage lenders, your community will serve as a repository for these new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information reflected by this LOMR throughout the community, so that interested persons, such as property owners, local insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, may benefit from the information. We also encourage you to prepare an article for publication in your community's local newspaper. This article should describe the changes that have been made and the assistance that officials of your community will give to interested persons by providing these data and interpreting the NFIP maps.

This determination has been made pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and is in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Pursuant to Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, communities participating in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed NFIP criteria. These criteria are the minimum requirements and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature. This includes adoption of the effective FIRM to which the regulations apply and the modifications described in this LOMR.

FEMA makes flood insurance available in participating communities; in addition, we encourage communities to develop their own loss reduction and prevention programs. Our Project Impact initiative, developed by FEMA Director James Lee Witt, seeks to focus the energy of businesses, citizens, and communities in the United States on the importance of reducing their susceptibility to the impact of all natural disasters, including floods, hurricanes, severe storms, earthquakes, and wildfires. Natural hazard mitigation is most effective when it is planned for and implemented at the local level, by the entities who are most knowledgeable of local conditions and whose economic stability and safety are at stake. For your information, we are enclosing a Project Impact Fact Sheet. For additional information on Project Impact, please visit our Web site at www.fema.gov.

If you have any questions regarding floodplain management regulations for your community or the NFIP in general, please contact the Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) for your community. Information on the CCO for your community may be obtained by contacting the Director, Mitigation Division of FEMA in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at (215) 931-5512. If you have any technical questions regarding this LOMR, please contact Mr. John Magnotti of our staff in Washington, DC, either by telephone at (202) 646-3932 or by facsimile at (202) 646-4596.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.F. Magnotti III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "M".

John F. Magnotti III, P.E., Project Engineer
Hazards Study Branch
Mitigation Directorate

For: Matthew B. Miller, P.E., Chief
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