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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

The Honorable Calvin Ball Howard County Executive 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043 IN REPLY REFER TO:

Case No.: 22-03-0019P

Community Name: Howard County, MD

Community No.: 240044

FIRM Panel Affected: 24027C0090D,

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Dear Mr. Ball:

In a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) dated November 17, 2021, you were notified of proposed flood hazard determinations affecting the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for Howard County, MD. These determinations were for Tiber Hudson Branch - From approximately 140 feet upstream of the confluence with the Patapsco River to approximately 1,960 feet upstream of Frederick Road; Tiber Hudson Tributary - From the confluence with Tiber Hudson Branch to approximately 1,040 feet upstream of Frederick Road; Cat Rock Run - From the confluence with Tiber Hudson Branch; and New Cut Branch - From the confluence with Tiber Hudson Branch to approximately 280 feet upstream of the confluence with Tiber Hudson Branch to approximately 280 feet upstream of the confluence with Tiber Hudson Branch. The 90-day appeal period that was initiated on December 16, 2021, when the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published a notice of proposed Flood Hazard Determinations in the *The Howard County Times* has elapsed.

FEMA received no valid requests for changes to the modified flood hazard information. Therefore, the determination as to the modified flood hazard information for your community is considered final. The modified flood hazard information and LOMR, referenced above, will become effective on April 15, 2022, and will revise the FIRM and FIS report that were in effect prior to that date.

The modifications are pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and are 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. The community number(s) and suffix code(s) are unaffected by this revision. The community number and appropriate suffix code as shown above will be used by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued for your community.

FEMA has developed criteria for floodplain management as required under the above-mentioned Acts of 1968 and 1973. To continue participation in the NFIP, your community must use the modified flood hazard information to carry out the floodplain management regulations for the NFIP.

If you have any questions regarding the necessary floodplain management measures for your community or the NFIP in general, please contact the Mitigation Division Director, FEMA Region III, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, either by telephone at (215) 931-5635, or in writing at Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region III, One Independence Mall, 6th Floor, 615 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106.

If you have any questions regarding the LOMR, the proposed flood hazard determinations, or mapping issues in general, please call the FEMA Map Information eXchange, toll free, at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP).

Sincerely,

Patrick "Rick" F. Sacbibit, P.E., Branch Chief Engineering Services Branch Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

cc: Mr. Mark S. Richmond, P.E. Stormwater Management Division Chief Howard County

> Mr. Andrew McLean, P.E. Senior Project Manager, Water Resources McCormick Taylor, Inc.

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COMMUNITY AND REVISION INFORMATION		PROJECT DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF REQUEST		
COMMUNITY	Howard County Maryland (Unincorporated Areas)	NO PROJECT	1D HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS 2D HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS HYDROLOGIC ANALYSIS UPDATED TOPOGRAPHIC DATA		
	COMMUNITY NO.: 240044				
IDENTIFIER Tiber Hudson Branch LOMR Remapping		APPROXIMATE LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE: 39.269, -76.810 SOURCE: Other DATUM: NAD 83			
	ANNOTATED MAPPING ENCLOSURES	ANNOTATED STUDY ENCLOSURES			
TYPE: FIRM* TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 24027C0090D DATE: November 6, 2013 NO.: 24027C0095D DATE: November 6, 2013	DATE OF EFFECTIVE FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY: November 6, 2013 PROFILES: 20P, 85P, 227P, 228P, 229P, 230P, 231P, AND 232P SUMMARY OF DISHCARGE TABLE: 5			

Enclosures reflect changes to flooding sources affected by this revision.

* FIRM - Flood Insurance Rate Map

FLOODING SOURCE AND REVISED REACH

See Page 2 for Additional Flooding Sources

Tiber-Hudson Branch - From approximately 140 feet upstream of the confluence with the Patapsco River to approximately 1,960 feet upstream of Frederick Road

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS							
Flooding Source	Effective Flooding	Revised Flooding	Increases	Decreases			
Tiber-Hudson Branch	BFEs* Zone AE Zone X (shaded)	BFEs Zone AE Zone X (shaded)	YES YES YES	YES YES YES			

* BFEs - Base Flood Elevations

DETERMINATION

This document provides the determination from the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding a request for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the area described above. Using the information submitted, we have determined that a revision to the flood hazards depicted in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and/or National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map is warranted. This document revises the effective NFIP map, as indicated in the attached documentation. Please use the enclosed annotated map panels revised by this LOMR for floodplain management purposes and for all flood insurance policies and renewals in your community.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 3601 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22304-6426. Additional Information about the NFIP is available on our website at https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance.

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OTHER FLOODING SOURCES AFFECTED BY THIS REVISION

FLOODING SOURCES AND REVISED REACHES

Tiber-Hudson Tributary - From the confluence with Tiber-Hudson Branch to approximately 1,040 feet upstream of Frederick Road

Cat Rock Run - From the confluence with Tiber-Hudson Branch to approximately 510 feet upstream of the confluence with Tiber-Hudson Branch

New Cut Branch - From the confluence with Tiber-Hudson Branch to approximately 280 feet upstream of the confluence with Tiber-Hudson Branch

	SUMMARY OF REVISIONS				
Flooding Source	Effective Flooding	Revised Flooding	Increases	Decreases	
Tiber-Hudson Tributary	BFEs	BFEs	YES	NONE	
•	Zone AE	Zone AE	YES	YES	
	Zone X (shaded)	Zone X (shaded)	YES	YES	
Cat Rock Run	BFEs ` ′	BFEs `	YES	NONE	
	Zone AE	Zone AE	YES	YES	
	Zone X (shaded)	Zone X (shaded)	YES	YES	
New Cut Branch	BFEs `	BFEs `	YES	NONE	
	Zone AE	Zone AE	YES	YES	
	Zone X (shaded)	Zone X (shaded)	YES	YES	

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

APPLICABLE NFIP REGULATIONS/COMMUNITY OBLIGATION

We have made this determination pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) and in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, P.L. 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, including adoption of the FIS report and FIRM, and the modifications made by this LOMR, are the minimum requirements for continued NFIP participation and do not supersede more stringent State/Commonwealth or local requirements to which the regulations apply.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

We based this determination on the 1-percent-annual-chance discharges computed in the submitted hydrologic model. Future development of projects upstream could cause increased discharges, which could cause increased flood hazards. A comprehensive restudy of your community's flood hazards would consider the cumulative effects of development on discharges and could, therefore, indicate that greater flood hazards exist in this area.

Your community must regulate all proposed floodplain development and ensure that permits required by Federal and/or State/Commonwealth law have been obtained. State/Commonwealth or community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction or may limit development in floodplain areas. If your State/Commonwealth or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, those criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP requirements.

We will not print and distribute this LOMR to primary users, such as local insurance agents or mortgage lenders; instead, the community will serve as a repository for the new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information in this LOMR by preparing a news release for publication in your community's newspaper that describes the revision and explains how your community will provide the data and help interpret the NFIP maps. In that way, interested persons, such as property owners, insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, can benefit from the information.

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We have designated a Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) to assist your community. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information regarding your CCO, please contact:

Ms. April Cummings
Director, Mitigation Division
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region III
One Independence Mall, Sixth Floor
615 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106-4404
(215) 931-5635

STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY NFIP MAPS

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

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF REVISION

A notice of changes will be published in the *Federal Register*. This information also will be published in your local newspaper on or about the dates listed below, and through FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/bfe status/bfe main.asp.

LOCAL NEWSPAPER Name: Howard County Times

Dates: December 9, 2021 and December 16, 2021

Within 90 days of the second publication in the local newspaper, any interested party may request that we reconsider this determination. Any request for reconsideration must be based on scientific or technical data. Therefore, this letter will be effective only after the 90-day appeal period has elapsed and we have resolved any appeals that we receive during this appeal period. Until this LOMR is effective, the revised flood hazard determination presented in this LOMR may be changed.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 3601 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22304-6426. Additional Information about the NFIP is available on our website at https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance.

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TABLE 5 – SUMMARY OF DISCHARGES (CONTINUED)

		PEAK DISCHARGES (cubic feet per second)						
FLOODING SOURCE AND LOCATION	DRAINAGE AREA (sq. miles)	10- Percent- Annual- <u>Chance</u>	2- Percent- Annual- Chance	1- Percent- Annual- <u>Chance</u>	Future 1- Percent- Annual- <u>Chance</u>	0.2- Percent- Annual- <u>Chance</u>		
BONNIE BRANCH (CONTINUED)								
Approximately 1,000 feet upstream of Twin Stream Drive	0.37	403	816	1,060	1,060	1,850		
CAT ROCK RUN								
At confluence with Tiber-Hudson Branch	0.54	614	978	1,123	*	1,472		
At Tiber Falls Drive	0.32	351	711	925	917	1,610		
CLARK'S CREE	K							
At confluence with Little Patuxent River	3.62	1,070	2,200	2,900	3 , 670	5 , 290		
Approximately 300 feet downstream of Centennial Lane	3.07	964	1,990	2,640	3,250	4,830		
Approximately 1,000 feet upstream of Centennial Lane	2.38	810	1,690	2,240	2,740	4,110		
CLYDE'S BRAN	СН							
At confluence of Stream CB-6	5.93	1,590	3,540	4,820	4,660	9,400		
At confluence of Stream CB-12	2.04	809	1,820	2,480	2 , 690	4,830		
At confluence of Stream CB-16	1.28	621	1,390	1,880	1,880	3,630		
DEEP RUN								
At confluence with Patapsco River	18.1	2 , 685	4,882	6 , 578	7 , 889	11,225		
At Park Circle Drive	8.4	1,837	3 , 297	4,444	5 , 333	7 , 553		
At Old Montgomery Road	1.1	745	1,510	1,970	2,040	3 , 470		

¹Please note that the Summary of Discharges table may not include all flow change locations found in the model

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FLOODING SOURCE AND LOCATION	DRAINAGE AREA (sq. miles)	10- Percent- Annual- <u>Chance</u>	2- Percent- Annual- <u>Chance</u>	1- Percent- Annual- <u>Chance</u>	Future 1- Percent- Annual- <u>Chance</u>	0.2- Percent- Annual- <u>Chance</u>
LAKE ELKHOR	N BRANCH					
At confluence with Little Patuxent River	3.72	1,950	3,670	4,650	4,650	7,700
At confluence of Lake Elkhorn Branch Tributary 14	2.65	1,550	2,940	3,740	3,740	6,210
Approximately 500 feet downstream of Old Montgomery Road	1.48	1,030	1,990	2,540	2,540	4,280
LITTLE PATUX	ENT RIVER					
At County Boundary	109.2	11,063	22,903	30,340	31,675	56,061
At confluence of Middle Patuxent River	97.5	10,547	22,028	29,295	30,084	54,481
Approximately 500 upstream of confluence of Stream LPR-1	28.07	5 , 570	11,200	14,600	14,800	26,100
At State Route 108	21.5	4,380	9,030	11,900	12,300	21,800
At U.S. Route 40	7.13	2,060	4,360	5 , 810	6,220	10,800
MIDDLE PATUX	KENT RIVER					
At confluence with Little Patuxent River	57.65	6,411	14,162	19,361	20,543	37,964
At Clarksville Pike	36.92	4,920	9,560	12,300	14,700	21,200
At State Route 32	11.36	2 , 350	4,710	6 , 150	7,110	10,900
NEW CUT BRAN	NCH					
At confluence with Tiber-Hudson Branch	1.55	1,975	3,100	3,613	*	4,671
At Private Drive (Station 4924)	0.86	350	745	997	1,730	1,880
At New Cut Road	0.28	174	380	514	787	995

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	PEAK DISCHARGES (cubic feet per second)								
FLOODING SOURCE AND <u>LOCATION</u>	DRAINAGE AREA (sq. miles)	10- Percent- Annual- <u>Chance</u>	2- Percent- Annual- <u>Chance</u>	1- Percent- Annual- <u>Chance</u>	Future 1- Percent- Annual- <u>Chance</u>	0.2- Percent- Annual- <u>Chance</u>			
SUCKER BRAN	CH TRIBUTAR	Y 1							
Upstream of confluence with Sucker Branch	0.31	347	701	911	923	1,580			
SUCKER BRAN	CH TRIBUTAR	2Y 2							
Upstream of confluence with Sucker Branch	0.16	240	478	617	596	1060			
TIBER-HUDSON	TIBER-HUDSON BRANCH								
At confluence with Patapsco River	3.70	3,769	5,403	6,389	*	9,188			
Upstream of Maryland Route 29	1.0	1,307	2,049	2,373	*	3,036			
Upstream of confluence with Tiber Hudson Tributary	0.53	666	1,102	1,265	*	1,579			
TIBER-HUDSON	N TRIBUTARY								
Entire reach	0.25	428	623	707	*	880			
TRIBUTARY TO BEAVER RUN BRANCH									
Approximately 500 feet upstream of confluence with Beaver Run Branch	0.37	367	767	1,010	1,060	1,820			
TRIBUTARY TO BONNIE BRANCH									
Approximately 500 feet upstream of confluence with Bonnie Branch	0.45	481	960	1,240	1,240	2,150			
Approximately 100 feet upstream of Ellicott Woods Lane	0.25	352	703	908	908	1,560			

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