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TO: Mayors, Administrators, and Floodplain Administrators of Morris County, NJ

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| Borough of Chatham | Township of Chester |
| Borough of Chester | Township of Denville |
| Borough of Florham Park | Township of East Hanover |
| Borough of Kinnelon | Township of Hanover |
| Borough of Lincoln Park | Township of Harding |
| Borough of Madison | Township of Jefferson |
| Borough of Mendham | Township of Long Hill |
| Borough of Morris Plains | Township of Mendham |
| Borough of Mount Arlington | Township of Mine Hill |
| Borough of Mountain Lakes | Township of Montville |
| Borough of Netcong | Township of Morris |
| Borough of Riverdale | Township of Mount Olive |
| Borough of Rockaway | Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills |
| Borough of Victory Gardens | Township of Pequannock |
| Borough of Wharton | Township of Randolph |
| Town of Boonton | Township of Rockaway |
| Town of Dover | Township of Roxbury |
| Town of Morristown | Township of Washington |
| Township of Boonton | |

RE: 30-Day Data Submission Notification

Dear Morris County Community Leaders:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 2 Office and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) have finalized the draft Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) database for Morris County, New Jersey Partial Countywide study. The flood hazard data for all of Morris County was updated, excluding the areas covered by the Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP). Completing this draft database is a significant milestone for the flood risk project. It concludes the collection and analysis of the initial engineering data for your community and reflects the latest calculation of where water will collect and flow during a flood.

The draft FIRM database includes the proposed Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) that will be mapped on the FIRM for your community. The SFHA is an area subject to inundation by the base (1-percent-

annual-chance) flood. Over time, water flow, and drainage patterns can change dramatically. They can be affected by surface erosion, land use, and other factors. These factors may increase or decrease the likelihood of flooding in certain areas of your community. As a result, SFHA boundaries and zone type changes may have occurred.

The proposed SFHAs are available for your community's review in the form of digital workmaps, available on the FEMA Geoplatform <https://arcg.is/1OOLXm>. We encourage you to share this data with elected officials, staff, and other potentially interested individuals or organizations in the community to allow a thorough review before the formal community coordination meeting, called a Flood Risk Review (FRR) meeting, that will be held in-person on December 20, 2024.

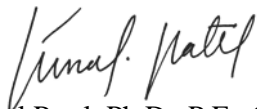
Your community has 30 days from the date of the FRR meeting to review the draft FIRM database and provide technical information to supplement or modify the draft FIRM database. The data must be consistent with current engineering principles. Please send the data or comments on the draft FIRM database to the NJDEP and FEMA staff members identified below. Your community will have several additional opportunities to provide feedback on the resulting SFHAs and other flood hazard information before the data is finalized.

If your community would like to request a digital copy of the draft FIRM database or other flood hazard data, please reach out to the NJDEP or FEMA staff members listed below as soon as possible. Please note that this data is considered draft/provisional and is subject to change because it has not been through final reviews or an appeal period.

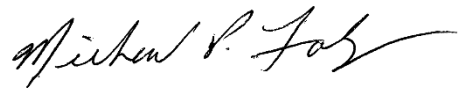
NJDEP and FEMA want your community to have current and accurate flood risk products. Your feedback, partnership, and local knowledge make this possible. We look forward to working with community officials and other stakeholders in Morris County to increase flood risk awareness and reduce risk to lives and properties from flooding. Any comments and suggestions will not affect your community's ability to provide feedback later, or to formally appeal the flood hazard information during the future appeal period.

Please submit all questions, data, and comments on the digital workmaps within 30 days of the December 20, 2024, FRR meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Joseph Ruggeri, NJDEP Supervising Engineer at joseph.ruggeri@dep.nj.gov or 609-292-2296 or Juan C. Arevalo, FEMA Region 2 Project Officer, at juan.arevalo@fema.dhs.gov or 202-812-5595.

Sincerely,



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