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Ms. Kathryn A. Dale, AICP
Zoning and Planning Administrator
Danbury Township
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RE: Great Lakes Coastal Flood Risk Review Meetings
Lake Erie Draft Work Maps for Ottawa, Sandusky, and Erie Counties, Ohio (September 14, 2016); and
Monroe and Wayne Counties, Michigan (September 15, 2016)

Dear Ms. Dale:

The Chicago Regional Office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host two meetings in mid-September to showcase new draft flood hazard work maps for the Lake Erie Shoreline in Ottawa, Sandusky, and Erie Counties, Ohio; and Monroe and Wayne Counties, Michigan. These meetings, held to solicit comments from community officials, embody a process FEMA refers to as Flood Risk Review. Our target audience includes staff and officials representing villages, cities, townships, and county government, regional organizations, non-governmental bodies, neighborhood associations, and harbor and shoreline protection engineers.

FEMA invites you and your staff to meet with us at one of the following locations:

Ottawa, Sandusky, and Erie Counties, OH

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

2 pm – 4 pm EDT

Oak Harbor Public Library

147 W. Main Street

Oak Harbor, OH 43449

Monroe & Wayne Counties, MI

Thursday, September 15, 2016

2 pm – 4 pm EDT

Frenchtown Charter Township Hall

2744 Vivian Road

Monroe, MI 48162

During the first hour of each meeting, FEMA will present a summary of the draft work maps followed by a question and answer period. A breakout session is planned for the second hour to review community-specific data shown on the work maps. We will have staff available to review engineering methods, discuss various features of the maps, and explain the next steps for developing regulatory Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

Please share this invitation with the appropriate department leads or contacts within your community or organization who can help review and provide input. In advance of these meetings, you can access and view the work maps on the FEMA Lake Erie Work Map Data Viewer at the links below (no password is required):

Link to the Lake Erie Work Map Data Viewer:

<http://arcg.is/29qEIdS>

Link to Map Viewer User Guide:

https://data.femadata.com/Region5/Public_Documents/FEMA_GeoPlatform_Lake_Erie_Map_Quick_Reference_Guide.pdf

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The Viewer allows users to view the draft flood hazard work maps in a modern GIS environment, as well as to download PDFs and GIS-formatted products. To request a CD of the maps and accompanying documents, please contact us by phone or email using the contact information listed at the end of this invitation.

The meetings in mid-September represent the start of a non-statutory 60-day review period whereby FEMA will accept and document comments provided by communities and other technical stakeholders. If you are unable to participate in these meetings, you may send your written comments during the review period, which will be open until November 15, 2016 for Ottawa, Sandusky, and Erie Counties, Ohio; and Monroe and Wayne Counties, Michigan, either by email or regular mail at the following addresses:

By email please use: GreatLakesComments@aecom.com

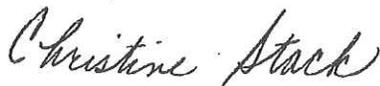
By regular mail please use: Great Lakes Coastal Flood Study Comment Repository
c/o AECOM
12420 Milestone Center Drive, Suite 150
Germantown, MD 20876

It is important to note this 60-day comment period is separate from the formal comment and appeals period associated with the release of the preliminary FIRMs developed as part of the regulatory process required by the National Flood Insurance Program. Over the next year, as the draft flood hazard work maps are developed into the final regulatory products, there will be more opportunities for communities to review the maps and provide input. These include FEMA-hosted public open house meetings that will coincide with the phases of new FIRM development and rollout.

The Great Lakes Coastal Flood Study is funded by FEMA under the agency's Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning Program and is intended to address flood risk. Helping communities and property owners understand risk to flooding and other hazards is a top priority for FEMA, and this is the first step to providing effective planning and response in a way that builds resilient communities. Data from the study will be used to revise FEMA FIRMs, and are not related to erosion control statutes executed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or State government under the authorities of the Coastal Zone Management Act.

Please RSVP to this meeting invitation or send requests for additional information to Ann Terranova by email at ann.terranova@aecom.com, or by phone at (443) 255-0946. Space is limited and we ask that you respond no later than September 7, 2016. Questions can also be referred to Ken Hinterlong, Senior Engineer for the FEMA Region V Risk Analysis Branch. Mr. Hinterlong can be reached by email at Ken.Hinterlong@fema.dhs.gov, or by phone at (312) 408-5529.

Sincerely,



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FEMA Region V

cc: Greg Mausolf, Hydraulics Engineer, Detroit District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Michelle Linares, Floodplain Management Specialist, FEMA Region V