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September 29, 2011

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NYACK BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Re: Rescheduled - Rockland Co. Flood Mapping Open Houses; FEMA Map Modernization

Dear Mr. Yacopino:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are cooperating on a program to update your Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). A preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been prepared for your community as part of the Rockland County Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) flood-mapping project. The preliminary FIRMs and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) have been issued to your community, and are available to the public at the following website: <http://www.rampp-team.com/ny.htm>. The maps are in a GIS compatible countywide format, including digital ortho-photo base mapping and updated topographic data.

We previously held a series of community coordination meetings, which provided an opportunity for community officials to go over the maps and the legal map adoption process with NYSDEC or FEMA staff. Two Public **Open Houses** separate from and in addition to those meetings were scheduled for early September but were cancelled due to the impacts of Hurricane Irene. **The two Public Open Houses have been rescheduled in Rockland County:**

ROCKLAND COUNTY FLOOD MAPPING OPEN HOUSES

Tuesday, October 25, 2011
Stop in anytime between
4:00-8:00PM

Wednesday, October 26, 2011
Stop in anytime between
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We would like to emphasize that there will not be a formal presentation at these events and residents are welcome to stop by any time during the scheduled events. It is important to note that these public open houses are not in response to Hurricane Irene but are to present the recently updated FEMA floodplain maps to the public. Subject matter experts will be available for direct question and answer sessions with the public.

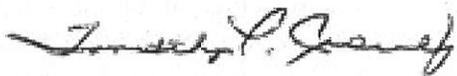
This is an opportunity for property owners in your community to review the maps and to ask questions about floodplain management, flood mapping, the National Flood Insurance Program and whether the new mapping will affect insurance requirements on their property.

While this event is primarily intended for residents and property owners, you are most welcome to participate in the Open Houses. **We also request and encourage you to help publicize these events in your community.**

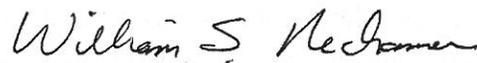
Enclosed is a meeting flyer regarding the Rockland County Open Houses and FEMA's Map Modernization program in general, that we request you distribute through your office, website or other appropriate venues. The flyer details the locations and contact information for the Open Houses and gives a brief summary of the mapping process and importance of updating your communities' flood maps.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact the NYSDEC floodplain management section, at (518) 402-8185. We look forward to receiving your input into this important project.

Sincerely,



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Mitigation Division,
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William S. Nechamen, Chief
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Enclosure

MAPPING THE RISK

FLOOD MAP MODERNIZATION

Notice of Public Open Houses October 25 & 26, 2011: Rockland County, New York Map Modernization and the National Flood Insurance Program

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be holding two Public Open House Meetings on October 25th and 26th 2011 to discuss the new Rockland County Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map, and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in general. If you have questions about the preliminary DFIRM, please visit <http://rampp-team.com> or contact Alan Springett at 212.680.8557 or alan.springett@dhs.gov. If you have questions about the NFIP, floodplain management or flood insurance, please contact Rich Einhorn at 212.680.8503 or richard.einhorn@dhs.gov. The NYSDEC floodplain management section, at 518.402.8185, can answer questions about both the map and the NFIP in general.

Map Modernization: What is it? The local Map Modernization project is part of a nationwide effort to update the country's flood hazard maps so that they reflect the most current flood risks. Rockland County residents and businesses now have up-to-date, reliable, Internet-accessible information about their flood risk on a property-by-property basis.

How are residents and businesses affected? FEMA has developed a website to help Rockland County property owners view the change in flood hazard designation. The website is located at <http://www.rampp-team.com/ny.htm>

Why Update the Maps? Why Now? Flood hazard maps, also known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps, are important tools in the effort to protect lives and properties. Over time, water flow and drainage patterns have changed dramatically due to surface erosion, land use and natural forces.

New Maps = A Safer Public By showing the extent to which areas are at risk for flooding, the new flood maps will help home and business owners understand their current flood risk and make more informed decisions about protecting their property. These maps will also allow community planners, local officials, engineers, builders and others to make important determinations about where and how new structures and developments should be built to maximize safety.

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Join FEMA Region II and the
NY State Department of
Environmental Conservation
to learn about and discuss:

- ❖ *The National Flood Insurance Program*
- ❖ *The Rockland County DFIRM*
- ❖ *How to Read the New Maps*
- ❖ *Building Standards*
- ❖ *Insurance Ratings & Premiums*
- ❖ *Flood Mitigation*

