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Prelim-EAP
Community Name: Town of Bridgton,
Cumberland County, Maine
Community No.: 230041
Panels Affected: See FIRM Index

Re: Updated Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Updated Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report for Cumberland County, Maine

Dear Mr. Taft:

We are pleased to present your community with copies of the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for the Town of Bridgton, Cumberland County, Maine. These updates represent a new coastal study that was conducted in your county, using updated methodology and 2-foot topographic data obtained through Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR). The purpose of this effort is to provide your community with updated flood hazard risk information that can be utilized for mitigation actions and planning in order for your community to become more resilient to flood hazards.

We have prepared the enclosed Preliminary version of the FIRM panels using a process that involves capturing flood hazard information in a digital format and plotting map panels using computer technology. In doing so, we have incorporated all non-revised flood hazard information from currently effective FIRMs, Flood Hazard Boundary Maps, and Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps as appropriate.

You will find enclosed two DVDs. One DVD contains the digital versions of the products updated by this Preliminary issuance. The other contains the coastal engineering related backup data. In addition to DVDs, a hard copy of your community's Preliminary FIRM panels and FIS report were forwarded to your community's Floodplain Administrator. We have also provided a hard copy set of FIRM panels to Sue Baker, your State National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Coordinator, whose contact information is provided at the end of this letter.

The flood hazard information presented on the FIRM includes Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), which are the areas that would be inundated by the flood having a 1 percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year, known as the base flood; as well as the Base Flood Elevations (BFEs). There are also regulatory zones in coastal areas identified as "VE Zones." These areas have been identified using National Academy of Sciences (NAS) methodology to delineate areas subject to wave heights of 3 feet or greater. In addition, these updated panels will depict a "Limit of Moderate Wave Action" (LiMWA), which represents the region subject to the limit of wave heights between 1.5 to 3 feet. The

LiMWA is currently a non-regulatory demarcation on the map but is meant to convey the risk associated with a 1.5-foot wave, which has been found through post-event damage assessment surveys to have the potential to cause substantial damage to structures built in compliance with A Zone standards. Although the LiMWA currently holds no higher building regulation requirements in the State of Maine, FEMA's Coastal Construction Manual encourages building practices in these areas of increased risk follow V Zone standards.

Your community should note that there may be additional areas where the SFHA has changed due to new studies or the use of more precise topographic data. In areas where there were no additional studies or information, the currently effective digital SFHA was incorporated onto the new base map. This work was conducted by FEMA's mapping contractor, STARR. Please note that the BFEs will be listed in the North American Vertical Datum (1988), which may be different from the datum used in previous flood studies.

Flood hazard information for your community was converted to meet the FEMA Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) database specifications and Geographic Information System (GIS) format requirements. More information on FEMA database specifications is available at http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/dfim_dfhm.shtml#5. By providing the flood hazard information in GIS format, we are making it easier for your community to incorporate the data into your local GIS.

We are sending the Preliminary copies at this time to give your community an opportunity to review them. Additionally, in an effort to assist you in circulating the information, FEMA has posted digital copies of the FIRM and FIS report materials to the following website:
www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata.

We are working with your State NFIP Coordinator to schedule a community coordination meeting (a "Consultation Coordination Officer [CCO]" Meeting). The purpose of this meeting will be to present the results of the study, discuss the information presented on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report, discuss their impact on your community's participation in the NFIP, and give your community a chance to comment or ask questions. In the meantime, we strongly encourage you to thoroughly review the enclosed copy and circulate it as widely as possible among elected officials, staff, and other individuals or organizations in the community that would have an interest in the FIRM and FIS report so that they will also have the opportunity to review them thoroughly before the formal community coordination meeting. We will contact you once this meeting has been scheduled. The meeting will be at least 30 days after the issuance of this letter.

This review period also provides your community with an opportunity to identify changes and corrections to non-technical information. These may include corporate limits, road names, bridges, stream names, etc. on the FIRMs or in the FIS report. Please send comments to Alex Sirotek at the Regional Service Center, 99 High Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. We will consider all comments and changes received during this period and will incorporate them, as appropriate, before the FIRMs and FIS report become effective.

To assist your community in maintaining the FIRMs, we have enclosed a Summary of Map Actions (SOMA) to document previous Letters of Map Change (LOMCs) (i.e., Letters of Map Amendment [LOMAs], Letters of Map Revision [LOMRs]). We reviewed our records for any previous LOMCs (i.e., LOMAs and LOMRs) for your community. The SOMA reflects the LOMCs found in our records for your community. Please compare your records with this SOMA list to ensure that we have included all LOMCs that you have in your files.

Information on LOMCs is presented in the following four categories: (1) LOMCs for which results are shown on the FIRM. (2) LOMCs for which results could not be shown on the FIRM because of scale limitations. However, these LOMCs are still valid. LOMCs in Category 2 will be revalidated through a single letter that reaffirms the validity of previously issued LOMCs; the letter will be sent to your community shortly before the effective date of the FIRM and will become effective one day after the FIRM becomes effective. (3) LOMCs for which results are being superseded by new or revised flood hazard information. These LOMCs will not be revalidated, and the community floodplain manager should notify the property owners. Finally, (4) LOMCs listed in Category 4 are not revalidated. FEMA will, however, review existing and/or new data to make a determination for the affected properties after the FIRM becomes effective. The community floodplain manager should notify property owners that they must reapply for the LOMC determination after the FIRM becomes effective. FEMA will then respond to their application with a determination, which will be sent to both the applicant and the community.

After the CCO meeting, a statutory 90-day appeal period is required when FEMA adds or modifies BFEs, base flood depths, SFHAs, flood zone designations, or regulatory floodways within a community, as shown on the Preliminary FIRM. We will send you a letter approximately 2 weeks before the start of the 90-day appeal period to detail the appeal process. The letter will forward information regarding notifications to be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER and local newspaper(s) and will provide the first and second publication dates. The appeal period will start on the second publication date. Additional information concerning the 90-day appeal period will be provided during the CCO meeting.

All comments and appeals received through the end of the 90-day appeal period will be considered and incorporated as appropriate. Following the resolution of all comments and appeals, FEMA will issue a Letter of Final Determination (LFD). When FEMA issues the LFD, the community must adopt the new FIRM panels and FIS within 6 months in order to remain in good standing with the NFIP.

The new FIRM and FIS report for your community will become effective 6 months after the LFD date. Before the effective date, you will be notified in writing of the official FIRM and FIS report effective date and asked to adopt floodplain ordinances or modify existing ordinances as necessary that correspond with the new FIRMs or FIS report. If you or other community officials have any questions regarding floodplain ordinances, you may raise them with our FEMA Regional Office or you may discuss those issues with your State NFIP Coordinator. Several months before the effective date, we will mail one set of printed copies of the finalized FIRM and FIS report and digital copies of the map and report products.

Your community's comments on the Preliminary FIRM panels and FIS report are an important part of our mapping process, and we will consider them carefully before we publish the FIRMs and FIS report in their final form. If you have any questions regarding the Preliminary copies of the FIRMs and FIS report, please contact Kerry Bogdan, the FEMA Senior Engineer, at (617) 956-7576 or by email at Kerry.Bogdan@fema.dhs.gov. If you have any questions regarding the necessary floodplain management measures for your community or the NFIP in general, we urge you to contact Joseph Young at (207) 287-8051 or by email at Joseph.Young@maine.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

DVDs of Preliminary FIRMs, FIS report, SOMA and coastal engineering data

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PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF MAP ACTIONS

Community: BRIDGTON, TOWN OF

Community No: 230041

To assist your community in maintaining the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), we have summarized below the previously issued Letter of Map Change (LOMC) actions (i.e., Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs) and Letters of Map Amendment (LOMAs)) that will be affected by the preparation of the enclosed revised FIRM panel(s).

1. LOMCs Incorporated

The modifications effected by the LOMCs listed below have been reflected on the Preliminary copies of the revised FIRM panels. In addition, these LOMCs will remain in effect until the revised FIRM becomes effective.

LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Old Panel	New Panel
			NO CASES RECORDED		

2. LOMCs Not Incorporated

The modifications effected by the LOMCs listed below have not been reflected on the Preliminary copies of the revised FIRM panels because of scale limitations or because the LOMC issued had determined that the lot(s) or structure(s) involved were outside the Special Flood Hazard Area, as shown on the FIRM. These LOMCs will be revalidated free of charge 1 day after the revised FIRM becomes effective through a single revalidation letter that reaffirms the validity of the previous LOMCs.

LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Old Panel	New Panel
LOMA	98-01-188A	05/15/1998	BELLS POINT ROAD	2300410005B	23005C0077F
LOMA	99-01-1228A	11/03/1999	157 LOWER MAIN STREET	2300410010B	23005C0087F
LOMA	01-01-0274A	12/28/2000	FIRE LANE 261, HIGHLAND LAKE	2300410005B	23005C0078F
LOMA	01-01-0326A	02/02/2001	FIRE ROAD #242B, SPENCER'S POINT (TAX MAP #47, LOT 26; TAX MAP #22, LOT 25)	2300410005B	23005C0079F
LOMA	02-01-0504A	02/22/2002	FIRE LANE 12A OFF KANSAS ROAD	2300410010B	23005C0091F
LOMA	03-01-0684A	03/06/2003	TAX MAP 49, LOT 2--SHORE ACRES ROAD	2300410005B	23005C0078F
LOMA	03-01-1118A	06/05/2003	RR 1, BOX 1247, WARD ACRES	2300410020B	23005C0087F
LOMA	03-01-1402A	08/11/2003	HAZENS LANDING ROAD (FIRE LANE 261)	2300410005B	23005C0078F

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LOMA	04-01-1490A	11/04/2004	486 WILDWOOD ROAD	2300410015B	23005C0086F
LOMA	06-01-0063A	12/13/2005	24 SKILLINGS CIRCLE	2300410010B	23005C0087F
LOMA	06-01-B053A	02/02/2006	138 Sanborn Grove Road, Bridgeton, Maine	2300410005B	23005C0078F
LOMA	06-01-B667A	07/25/2006	18 SLEIGH BELL LANE (ME)	2300410005B	23005C0078F
LOMA	06-01-B753A	10/10/2006	148 SANBORN GROVE ROAD (ME)	2300410005B	23005C0078F
LOMA	07-01-0101A	11/09/2006	3 FORBES ROAD (ME)	2300410005B	23005C0078F
LOMA	07-01-0762A	05/24/2007	LOT 2, WOODS POND NORTHWEST SHORE -- 5 PHEASANT WAY (ME)	2300410015B	23005C0086F
LOMA	07-01-0871A	07/17/2007	TAX MAP 8, LOT 39C -- 229 HOWARD TRAIL (ME)	2300410015B	23005C0086F
LOMA	08-01-0557X	04/08/2008	LOT 31 -- 170 TOWN FARM ROAD	2300410020B	23005C0204F
LOMA	09-01-0674A	04/16/2009	MOOSE POND LOTS, LOT 23 -- 28 CEDAR DRIVE	2300410015B	23005C0063F
LOMA	11-01-2600A	09/27/2011	TAX MAP 12, LOT 48B --- 160 CEDAR DRIVE	2300410015B	23005C0063F
LOMA	12-01-2061A	07/31/2012	TAX MAP 9, LOT 3-1 -- 358 WILDWOOD ROAD	2300410015B	23005C0086F
LOMA	13-01-1185A	03/28/2013	TAX MAP 23, LOT 138 -- 121 MAIN STREET	2300410010B	23005C0087F
LOMA	13-01-2934A	09/24/2013	TAX MAP 43, LOT 10-5 -- 13 COVESIDE LANE	2300410005B	23005C0079F
LOMA	10-01-1848A	08/19/2010	42 Shore Acres	2300410005B	23005C0078F

3. LOMCs Superseded

The modifications effected by the LOMCs listed below have not been reflected on the Preliminary copies of the revised FIRM panels because they are being superseded by new detailed flood hazard information or the information available was not sufficient to make a determination. The reason each is being superseded is noted below. These LOMCs will no longer be in effect when the revised FIRM becomes effective.

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LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Reason Determination Will be Superseded
			NO CASES RECORDED	

1. Insufficient information available to make a determination.
2. Lowest Adjacent Grade and Lowest Finished Floor are below the proposed Base Flood Elevation.
3. Lowest Ground Elevation is below the proposed Base Flood Elevation.
4. Revised hydrologic and hydraulic analyses.
5. Revised topographic information.

4. LOMCs To Be Redetermined

The LOMCs in Category 2 above will be revalidated through a single revalidation letter that reaffirms the validity of the determination in the previously issued LOMC. For LOMCs issued for multiple lots or structures where the determination for one or more of the lots or structures has changed, the LOMC cannot be revalidated through this administrative process. Therefore, we will review the data previously submitted for the LOMC requests listed below and issue a new determination for the affected properties after the effective date of the revised FIRM.

LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Old Panel	New Panel
			NO CASES RECORDED		