



North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety
Division of Emergency Management
Floodplain Mapping Program

Michael F. Easley, Governor

Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary

I am pleased to inform you of a significant change in the procedures for revising your community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The State of North Carolina and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) executed a Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) agreement in 2000 and, as part of that agreement, the State will now assume the responsibility of reviewing requests for Conditional Letters of Map Revision (CLOMRs) and Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs) to your FIRM. Up until this time, all requests for CLOMRs and LOMRs from North Carolina have been reviewed by a private consultant retained by FEMA.

The new agreement will last one year, starting July 1, 2006. The arrangement will be a pilot project, only the second of its kind in the whole country. It is part of a history of pioneering floodplain mapping projects involving the State of North Carolina. That history began with the 2000 CTP agreement, through which North Carolina became the first Cooperating Technical State (CTS) in the country. Under that CTP agreement, the State started its program to create updated digital FIRM panels for the entire state. The North Carolina project will further help FEMA to examine the feasibility of delegating responsibilities to other qualified state, regional, and local agencies throughout the country.

Starting July 3, 2006, applicants for CLOMRs or LOMRs in North Carolina, whether they are local governments or private developers, will mail their requests to the State of North Carolina. The MT-2 forms remain the same as the existing FEMA MT-2 forms and are available both on FEMA's website and on the State's website at www.ncfloodmaps.com. As of July 3, 2006, all requests and accompanying fees should be mailed to:

**NC MT-2 LOMC DEPOT
P.O. Box 300025
Raleigh, NC 27622-0025**

As part of North Carolina's agreement with FEMA, the State will receive all requests, except for sites within Mecklenburg County (see Mecklenburg County website listed on page 2 for more information on submitting LOMC requests within the County). Mecklenburg County Flood Mitigation Program will receive and review requests for locations within Mecklenburg County. While neither FEMA nor its consultant will review the requests, the approved LOMCs will bear a joint FEMA and State or County signature.

We at the State of North Carolina and our partners at Mecklenburg County are looking forward to working with your community and with FEMA on this important pilot project. We believe that the project will better enable us to pursue our stated floodplain mapping goals of:

- ⊗ *“Compiling current, accurate flood hazard data for sound siting and design decisions,”*
- and
- ⊗ *“Making FIRMs cheaper and faster to update and providing them in digital format to more easily and efficiently alert property owners of the need for flood insurance.”*

If you have any questions or concerns about the changes described above, please contact John Gerber, P.E., CFM, NCFMP Engineer, 1812 Tillery Place, Suite 105, Raleigh, NC 27604, 919-715-5711 x106, jgerber@ncem.org, www.ncfloodmaps.com.

For questions or concerns specific to Mecklenburg County, please contact David Goode, P.E., CFM, Project Manager, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services, Flood Mitigation Program, 704-432-3087, David.Goode@mecklenburgcountync.gov, www.charmeck.org/Departments/StormWater/Floodplain+Development+Permits.htm.

Sincerely,



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