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James G. "Jim" Crawford
Chairperson, Board of Commissioners
Chatham County
12 East Street, Second Floor
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

Dear Mr. Crawford:

I commend you for the efforts that have been put forth in implementing the floodplain management measures for Chatham County, North Carolina, to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As you implement these measures, I want to emphasize the following:

- Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been completed for your community;
- the FIS and FIRM will become effective on November 17, 2017; and
- by the FIS and FIRM effective date, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office is required to approve the legally enforceable floodplain management measures your community adopts in accordance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Section 60.3(d).

As noted in FEMA's letter dated May 17, 2017, no significant changes have been made to the flood hazard data on the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM for Chatham County. Therefore, Chatham County should use the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM as the basis for adopting the required floodplain management measures. Final printed copies of the FIRM for Chatham County will be sent to you within the next few months.

If you encounter difficulties in enacting the measures, I recommend you contact the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Risk Management Section. You may contact John D. Brubaker, P.E., CFM, the NFIP State Coordinator, by telephone at (919) 825-2300, in writing at 4218 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4218, or by electronic mail at dan.brubaker@ncdps.gov.

The FEMA Regional staff in Atlanta, Georgia, is also available to provide technical assistance and guidance in the development of floodplain management measures. The adoption of compliant floodplain management measures will provide protection for Chatham County and will ensure its participation in the NFIP. The Regional Office may be contacted by telephone at (770) 220-5200 or in writing. Please send your written inquiries to the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division, FEMA Region IV, at 3003 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341.

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You may have already contacted the NFIP State Coordinator and/or the FEMA Regional Office, and may be in the final adoption process or recently adopted the appropriate measures. However, in the event your community has not adopted the appropriate measures, this letter is FEMA's official notification that you only have until November 17, 2017, to adopt and/or submit a floodplain management ordinance that meets or exceeds the minimum NFIP requirements, and request approval from the FEMA Regional Office by the effective date. Your community's adopted measures will be reviewed upon receipt and the FEMA Regional Office will notify you when the measures are approved.

I appreciate your cooperation to ensure that your community's floodplain management measures are approved by the FEMA Regional Office by November 17, 2017. Your compliance with these mandatory program requirements will enable your community to avoid suspension from the NFIP.

Sincerely,



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cc: Gracia Szczech, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IV
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