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Jeff Phillips
Chairperson, Board of Commissioners
Guilford County
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Greensboro, North Carolina 27402

Dear Mr. Phillips:

I am writing this letter as an official reminder that Guilford County, North Carolina, has until November 17, 2017, to adopt and have the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office approve floodplain management measures that satisfy 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 60.3(d) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations.

Guilford County must adopt floodplain management measures, such as a floodplain management ordinance, that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements (copy enclosed) by November 17, 2017, to avoid suspension from the NFIP. If suspended, your community becomes ineligible for flood insurance through the NFIP, new insurance policies cannot be sold, and existing policies cannot be renewed.

Under the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, flood insurance must be purchased by property owners seeking any Federal financial assistance for construction or acquisition of buildings in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). This financial assistance includes certain federally guaranteed mortgages and direct loans, federal disaster relief loans and grants, as well as other similarly described assistance from FEMA and other agencies.

In addition, all loans individuals obtain from Federally regulated, supervised, or insured lending institutions that are secured by improved real estate located in SFHAs are also contingent upon the borrower obtaining flood insurance coverage on the building. However, purchasing and maintaining flood insurance coverage on a voluntary basis is frequently recommended for properties located outside SFHAs.

Your NFIP State Coordinator and FEMA would like to assist Guilford County to ensure it remains in good standing with the NFIP and avoids suspension from the Program. If your community is suspended, it may regain its eligibility in the NFIP by enacting the floodplain management measures established in 44 CFR Section 60.3 of the NFIP regulations. As stated in my previous correspondence, I recommend you contact your NFIP State Coordinator or the FEMA Regional Office if Guilford County is encountering difficulties in enacting its measures.

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I recognize that your community may be in the final adoption process or may have recently adopted the appropriate floodplain management measures. Please submit these measures to the Floodplain Management Program at the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Risk Management Section. John D. Brubaker, P.E., CFM, the NFIP State Coordinator, is accessible 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 assist you with your floodplain management measures. The FEMA Regional Office may be contacted by telephone at (770) 220-5200 or in writing. Please send your written inquiries to the Director, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division, FEMA Region IV, at 3003 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30341.

In the event your community does not adopt and/or submit the necessary floodplain management measures that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements, I must take the necessary steps to suspend your community from the NFIP. This letter is FEMA's final notification before your community is suspended from the Program.

Sincerely,



Rachel Sears, Director
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Enclosure

cc: Gracia Szczech, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region IV
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