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September 16, 2015

Rick Ryfa
President, Town Council
Town of Griffith
111 North Broad Street
Griffith, Indiana 46319

Community: Town of Griffith,
Lake County, Indiana
Community No.: 185175
Map Panels Affected: See FIRM Index

Dear Mr. Ryfa:

On May 9, 2014, you were notified of proposed modified flood hazard determinations (FHDs) affecting the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for the Town of Griffith. The statutory 90-day appeal period that was initiated on May 23, 2014, when the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published a notice of proposed FHDs for your community in the *Post Tribune* and *Northwest Indiana Times*, has elapsed.

FEMA received no valid requests for changes in the FHDs. Therefore, the determination of the Agency as to the FHDs for your community is considered final. The final FHDs will be published in the *Federal Register* as soon as possible. The modified FHDs and revised map panels, as referenced above, will be effective as of March 16, 2016, and revise the FIRM that was in effect prior to that date. For insurance rating purposes, the community number and new suffix code for the panels being revised are indicated above and on the maps and must be used for all new policies and renewals.

The modifications are pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Because of the modifications to the FIRM and FIS report for your community made by this map revision, certain additional requirements must be met under Section 1361 of the 1968 Act, as amended, within 6 months from the date of this letter. Prior to March 16, 2016, your community is required, as a condition of continued eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), to adopt or show evidence of adoption of floodplain management regulations that meet the standards of Paragraph 60.3(d) of the NFIP regulations. These standards are the minimum requirements and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature.

It must be emphasized that all the standards specified in Paragraph 60.3(d) of the NFIP regulations must be enacted in a legally enforceable document. This includes the adoption of the effective FIRM and FIS report to which the regulations apply and the modifications made by this map revision. Some of the standards should already have been enacted by your community. Any additional requirements can be met by taking one of the following actions:

1. Amending existing regulations to incorporate any additional requirements of Paragraph 60.3(d);
2. Adopting all the standards of Paragraph 60.3(d) into one new, comprehensive set of regulations; or

3. Showing evidence that regulations have previously been adopted that meet or exceed the minimum requirements of Paragraph 60.3(d).

Communities that fail to enact the necessary floodplain management regulations will be suspended from participation in the NFIP and subject to the prohibitions contained in Section 202(a) of the 1973 Act as amended.

A Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) has been designated to assist your community with any difficulties you may be encountering in enacting the floodplain management regulations. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information about your CCO, please contact:

Ms. Christine Stack
Director, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V
Federal Regional Center, Room 206
536 South Clark Street, 6th Floor
Chicago, IL 60605
(312) 408-5500

To assist your community in maintaining the FIRM, we have enclosed a Summary of Map Actions to document previous Letter of Map Change (LOMC) actions (i.e., Letters of Map Amendment (LOMAs), Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs)) that will be superseded when the revised FIRM panels referenced above become effective. Information on LOMCs is presented in the following four categories: (1) LOMCs for which results have been included on the revised FIRM panels; (2) LOMCs for which results could not be shown on the revised FIRM panels because of scale limitations or because the LOMC issued had determined that the lots or structures involved were outside the Special Flood Hazard Area as shown on the FIRM; (3) LOMCs for which results have not been included on the revised FIRM panels because the flood hazard information on which the original determinations were based is being superseded by new flood hazard information; and (4) LOMCs issued for multiple lots or structures where the determination for one or more of the lots or structures cannot be revalidated through an administrative process like the LOMCs in Category 2 above. LOMCs in Category 2 will be revalidated through a single letter that reaffirms the validity of a previously issued LOMC; the letter will be sent to your community shortly before the effective date of the revised FIRM and will become effective 1 day after the revised FIRM becomes effective. For the LOMCs listed in Category 4, we will review the data previously submitted for the LOMA or LOMR request and issue a new determination for the affected properties after the revised FIRM becomes effective.

The FIRM panels have been computer-generated. Once the FIRM and FIS report are printed and distributed, the digital files containing the flood hazard data for the entire county can be provided to your community for use in a computer mapping system. These files can be used in conjunction with other thematic data for floodplain management purposes, insurance purchase and rating requirements, and many other planning applications. Copies of the digital files or paper copies of the FIRM panels may be obtained by calling our FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627). In addition, your community may be eligible for additional credits under our Community Rating System if you implement your activities using digital mapping files.

If you have any questions regarding the necessary floodplain management measures for your community or the NFIP in general, we urge you to call the Director, Mitigation Division of FEMA in Chicago, Illinois, at (312) 408-5500 for assistance. If you have any questions concerning mapping issues in general or the

enclosed Summary of Map Actions, please call our FMIX at the number shown above. Additional information and resources your community may find helpful regarding the NFIP and floodplain management, such as *The National Flood Insurance Program Code of Federal Regulations*, *Answers to Questions About the NFIP*, *Use of Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Data as Available Data*, *Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the Effect that Revised Flood Hazards have on Existing Structures*, and *National Flood Insurance Program Elevation Certificate and Instructions*, can be found on our website at <http://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/lfd>. Paper copies of these documents may also be obtained by calling our FMIX.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luis Rodriguez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Luis Rodriguez, P.E., Chief
Engineering Management Branch
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Enclosure:

Final Summary of Map Actions

cc: Community Map Repository
Veronica Horka, Building Department Secretary, Town of Griffith

FINAL SUMMARY OF MAP ACTIONS

Community: GRIFFITH, TOWN OF

Community No: 185175

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 when the revised FIRM becomes effective on March 16, 2016.

1. LOMCs Incorporated

The modifications effected by the LOMCs listed below will be reflected on the revised FIRM. 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
LOMR	12-05-4012P	08/27/2012	CADY MARSH DITCH -1	18089C0141E	18089C0136F 18089C0137F 18089C0141F 18089C0142F 18089C0161F

2. LOMCs Not Incorporated

The modifications effected by the LOMCs listed below will not be reflected on 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 remain in effect until the revised FIRM becomes effective. 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
LOMR-F	92-05-125G	02/05/1992	LOTS 1-16 & 27 PHASE2 LOTS 17-26 PHASE3COUNTRYSHIRE ESTATES	1851750003C	18089C0141F
LOMA	94-05-1338A	11/29/1994	COUNTRYSHIRE ESTATES, PHASE 6	1851750003C	18089C0141F
LOMA	02-05-0546A	12/12/2001	OAK HILLS, 1ST ADDITION, LOT 1; 1327 NORTH BROAD STREET	1851750004C	18089C0141F
LOMA	04-05-2178A	04/02/2004	BROADRIDGE 3RD ADDITION, LOT 2; 1346 NORTH HARVEY ST.	1851750004C	18089C0141F
LOMA	05-05-0515A	12/13/2004	THREE OAKS, LOTS 6-10 -- 2001 NORTH INDIANA AVENUE	1851750004C	18089C0141F
LOMA	05-05-3379A	08/01/2005	GRANTS BUSINESS CENTER, BLOCK 5, LOT 1 -- 1949 NORTH WOODLAWN AVENUE	1851750004C	18089C0141F
LOMR-F	09-05-2107A	04/07/2009	332, 334, 336, 338 WEST 43RD COURT -- WEST HAVEN MANOR, TRACT 8	1851750004C	18089C0141F

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LOMA	12-05-3432A	03/08/2012	THE PARK 2ND ADDITION, LOT 76 -- 609 EAST 40TH PLACE	18089C0141E	18089C0141F
LOMA	12-05-4843A	05/15/2012	PARCEL 1, MANSARDS SECOND ADDITION, PHASE 8 -- 2017, 2023 & 2029 NORTH ARBOGAST AVENUE	18089C0141E	18089C0141F
LOMA	12-05-4845A	05/15/2012	PARCELS 2-3, MANSARDS SECOND ADDITION, PHASE 8 -- 945, 955, 1001, & 1035, 1045, 1055 EAST RIVER ROAD	18089C0141E	18089C0141F
LOMA	12-05-4847A	05/15/2012	PARCELS 4-5, MANSARDS 2ND ADD., PHASES 7-8 -- 1950, 1954, 1958 & 2018, 2024, 2028 N. MANSARDS BLVD	18089C0141E	18089C0141F
LOMA	12-05-7737A	08/09/2012	LOT 5, THREE OAKS INDUSTRIAL ADDITION -- 1950 INDIANA AVENUE	18089C0141E	18089C0141F
LOMA	12-05-5686A	08/30/2012	LOT 12, THE PARK FIRST ADDITION -- 1302 NORTH ARBOGAST AVENUE	18089C0141E	18089C0141F
LOMA	13-05-0143A	10/16/2012	LOT 81, CORRECTED PLAT OF LAWNDALE GARDENS 4TH ADDITION -- 1119 NORTH ARBOGAST STREET	18089C0141E	18089C0141F
LOMR-FW	13-05-6835A	09/30/2013	1313 NORTH CLINE AVENUE	18089C0141E	18089C0141F
LOMA	14-05-6344A	07/10/2014	1407 NORTH CLINE AVENUE	18089C0141E	18089C0141F
LOMA	14-05-9272A	10/21/2014	LOTS 128-133, THE PARK 4TH ADDITION -- 1312-1322 (EVENS) WOOD AVENUE	18089C0141E	18089C0141F
LOMA	14-05-1864A	12/10/2013	Lot 33, Westfield Estates Unit 2 Subdivision - 1936 Westfield Court	18089C0141E	18089C0141F

3. LOMCs Superseded

The modifications effected by the LOMCs listed below have not been reflected on the Final 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.

LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Reason Determination Will be Superseded
LOMR	03-05-5175P	01/29/2004	CADY MARSH DITCH RESTUDY	4

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.

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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		