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The Honorable Philip Schuman
Mayor, City of Delafield
500 Genesee Street
Delafield, Wisconsin 53018

Dear Mayor Schuman:

I am writing this letter as an official reminder that the City of Delafield, Wisconsin, has until November 19, 2008, 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.

The City of Delafield must adopt floodplain management measures, such as a floodplain management ordinance, that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. The NFIP State Coordinator or Regional staff is available to assist your community in ensuring that your local flood damage prevention ordinance meets NFIP minimum requirements by November 19, 2008, 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.

The provisions of Section 202(a) of Public Law 93-234, as amended prohibits Federal officers or agencies from approving any form of loan, grant, guaranty, insurance, payment, rebate, subsidy, or disaster assistance loan or grant, for acquisition or construction purposes within Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), areas subject to inundation by the base (1-percent-annual-chance) flood. Your community’s suspension from the NFIP would prohibit mortgage loans guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs, insured by the Federal Housing Administration, or secured by the Rural Economic and Community Development Services. This prohibition also affects the disaster assistance in connection with a flood under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act of 1988, as amended.

Furthermore, Section 202(b) of Public Law 93-234, as amended, requires Federally regulated lending institutions to notify the purchaser or lessee of improved real property located in an SFHA, whether Federal disaster assistance will be available when the property is being used to secure a loan that is being made, increased, extended, or renewed.
Your NFIP State Coordinator and FEMA would like to assist the City of Delafield 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 the City of Delafield is encountering difficulties in enacting its measures.

As you know, Waukesha County has recently received a Federal disaster declaration as a result of severe storms and flooding. I recognize that this disaster has presented many challenges for your community. While I understand that hardships may exist, adopting the most current flood hazard data by the FIRM effective date of November 19, 2008, will ensure that your community is using the most up to date data during the recovery and rebuilding efforts. If you are experiencing difficulties in enacting these measures as a result of the flooding, I recommend you contact the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or FEMA Regional Office staff. You may contact Robert Watson, the NFIP State Coordinator, by telephone at (608) 266-8037, in writing at 101 South Webster, Madison, Wisconsin 53702, or by electronic mail at robert.watson@dnr.state.wi.us.

The FEMA Regional staff in Chicago, Illinois, is also available to assist you with your floodplain management measures. The FEMA Regional Office may be contacted by telephone at (312) 408-5500 or in writing. Please send your written inquiries to the Director, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division, FEMA Region V, at 536 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

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,

Michael K. Buckley
Acting Assistant Administrator
Mitigation Directorate

Enclosure

cc: Edward G. Buikema, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region V
    Robert Watson, NFIP State Coordinator, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
    Thomas J. Hafner, Director of Public Works, City of Delafield