



FEMA

April 19, 2021

The Honorable David "Jay" Fansler
President of the Hardy County Commission
204 Washington Street, Room 111
Moorefield, WV 26836

RE: Flood Study Update for Hardy County, WV and Incorporated Areas

Dear President Fansler,

On July 8, 2020, your community was notified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that a countywide flood risk project was being initiated for Hardy County, West Virginia and Incorporated Areas. This letter outlined the updated engineering analyses and mapping that will be performed to better reflect flood risk and will subsequently revise regulatory floodplain boundaries. The letter also acknowledged the ongoing recertification process for the North and South Moorefield Levee Systems, and the expected data leveraging of that effort in the countywide map update process.

On January 13, 2021, FEMA received a letter from the Town of Moorefield and its engineering services contractor that provided a progress update for certification of the North and South Levee Systems. According to the letter, the following activities are anticipated to be completed by June 30, 2021:

- Providing additional information requested by FEMA in the June 18, 2020 comment letter, including a CLOMR package containing MT-2 Forms 1, 2, 3, and payment forms;
- Finalizing the proposal for the town to complete the final design of the North Levee upgrades; and
- Complete and submit the North Levee NFIP Evaluation Report, which should coincide with the response to comments on the South Levee and the CLOMR submittal.

Because the timeline for these upcoming activities as well as expected follow-on actions to complete the certification process over a longer period could significantly delay the larger countywide map update, it has been determined that the best course of action is to exclude the Town of Moorefield from the current map update project. This exclusion will enable updated flood risk data to be published for the remainder of Hardy County, while also enabling the certification process for the North and South Moorefield Levee Systems to follow its own proper due course and be reflected in a future map revision.

Draft results of the study initiated by the July 8, 2020 letter will be presented to your community at a Flood Risk Review meeting that is expected for Summer 2021. FEMA will be in further contact with you in the coming months for that meeting.

If you have any questions before that time, please contact me by email at Robert.Pierson@fema.dhs.gov or by phone at 215-359-5650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Pierson".

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