



June 2, 2020

Major Louis Bucchere
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RE: Approval of the Somerset County, New Jersey Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (Final)

Dear Major Bucchere:

I am pleased to inform you that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region II has approved the Somerset County, NJ Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan for all its participants. The 23 jurisdictions identified in the enclosure have been identified as participating in this plan and as having their adoption papers forwarded to us as of the date of this letter.

The plan was officially adopted by one or more resolutions received by this office on May 20, 2020. FEMA's approval of the plan will be for a period of five years from that date. This plan expires after May 19, 2025.

Our office conducted a review of the referenced plan in conformance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201, Mitigation Planning and FEMA's Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Review Guide, the official guidance to develop and review updated and final mitigation plans. The Region's review is documented in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Review Tool dated July 10, 2019.

All of the jurisdictions identified in the enclosure are now eligible as sub-grantees for project grants under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs, including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation, and Flood Mitigation Assistance programs.

We commend Somerset County and the participating jurisdictions for taking this important step toward disaster resilience. Note jurisdictions that have approved mitigation plans are eligible for points under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). Additional information regarding the CRS can be found by contacting the local floodplain manager or at <http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system>.

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Please inform Somerset County of this approval. If you have any questions, contact Jack Heide, Hazard Mitigation Community Planner, at (202) 709-0671.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Moriarty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Michael Moriarty
Director, Mitigation Division

Enclosure

cc: SFC Bradley Waugh
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
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