

# Discovery Report Appendix I

## Community Acknowledgement Letters

### Lake Ontario – St. Lawrence Watershed

### HUC 04150309

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# FEMA

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Commissioner

August 14, 2014

The Honorable Greg Rogers, Mayor  
3 West Main Street  
Le Roy, NY 14482

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mayor Rogers:

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Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Greg Rogerson*

Mayor  
Village of Le Roy

Dated 8/27/14

**JEFFREY STEINBRENNER**

Cc: ~~Bruce Gerould~~, Code Enforcement Officer, Village of Le Roy

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. Jack Marren, Supervisor  
85 East Main Street  
Victor, NY 14564

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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1. Ganaragua Creek should be an updated detailed study for its entire length within the Town due to the development of manufactured homes along the creek and frequent flooding issues.
2. Mud Creek should be an updated detailed study from the confluence with Ganaragua Creek to the corporate limits of the Town due to commercial development near the creek.

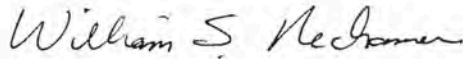
The Town also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- There was a bridge/culvert replaced by NYSDOT in 2011 on Wangum Road over Irondequoit Creek.

- There has been a reconstruction and culver replacement along Route 251 by NYSDOT.
- There is a section of piped stream between I-490 and High Street.
- There are two portions of Town land that have been annexed to the Village of Victor.
- There is a dam along the unmapped reach of Great Brook just outside the Village limits.
- The studies on the maps are likely outdated and the Town would benefit greatly from updated digital mapping.

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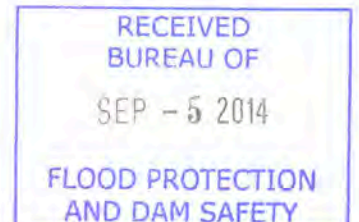
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Supervisor  
Town of Victor

Dated 9/3/2014

Cc: Alan Benedict, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Victor  
Kenneth Wilson, Stormwater Manager, Town of Victor,  
Mark Years, Highway Superintendent, Town of Victor

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8



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Mr. Clifford Hill, Supervisor  
10388 Common Road  
Remsen, New York 13438

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We received a Community RiskMAP Questionnaire dated October 8, 2013. No areas of flooding concern or request for restudy were noted on the questionnaire. Absent different information, we are assuming the Town is satisfied with the current FIRMs and has no new flood study requests at this time.

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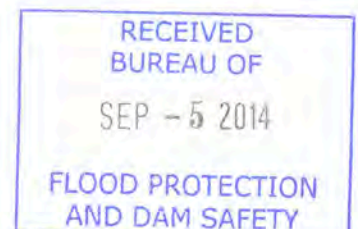
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Floodplain Management Section  
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Supervisor  
Town of Remsen

Dated 8/28/14

Cc: James Mason, Floodplain Administrator, Town of Remsen

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Albert Ash, DEC Region 6



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The Honorable Dean <sup>London</sup>Theodorakos, Mayor  
35-37 East Bank Street  
Albion, NY 14411

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1. The West Branch Sandy Creek should be an updated approximate study due to seasonal flooding on Moore Street and many improvements to culverts and bridges.
2. Marsh Creek should be a new approximate study within the corporate limits of the town due to development in the area near the creek.

The Village also provided the follow information for FEMA to consider when developing the scope of the project:

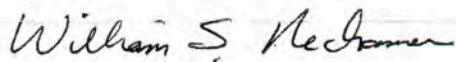
- There is a generator backup for the storm system near the Erie Canal on Main Street.
- There is seasonal flooding along Caroline Street from the West Branch Sandy Creek.



- There was a culvert replaced on Brown Street for the West Branch Sandy Creek.
- The bridge was replaced on E State Street over Sandy Creek in the 1970s or 1980s.
- The Village limits have been extended to the ends of State School Road and Washington Street.
- The State replaced a bridge on East Ave over West Branch Sandy Creek.

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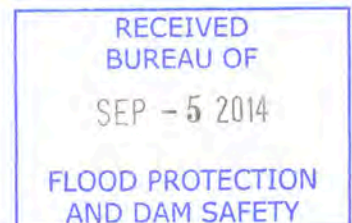


Mayor  
Village of Albion

Dated August 28, 2014

Cc: ~~Dale Brooks, Highway Superintendent, Village of Albion~~

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
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SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE  
TOWN OF LYSANDER

August 14, 2014

Mr. John Salisbury, Supervisor  
8220 Loop Road  
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

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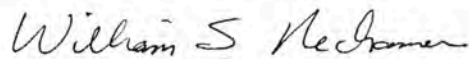
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Supervisor  
Town of Lysander

Dated 9/2/14

Cc: Tom Wolsley, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Lysander

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Kevin Delaney, DEC Region 7

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37 Main Street  
Oakfield, NY 14125

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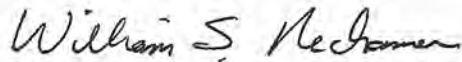
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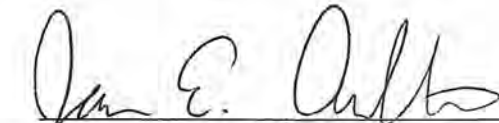
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Mayor JASON ARMBREWSTER  
Village of Oakfield

Dated 8-27-14

Cc: Bruce Gerould, Code Enforcement Officer, Village of Oakfield

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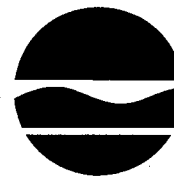
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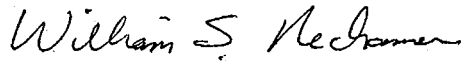
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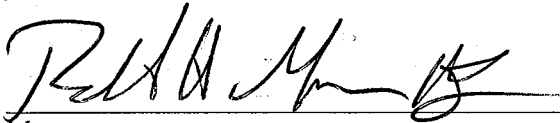
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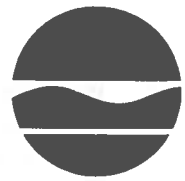
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The Town also provided the follow information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- The Town has digital information on the location of essential and critical facilities.
- The Town has hardcopy records of local flood or rain gage data.
- The Town has digital data on the various highway culverts and underground piped streams.

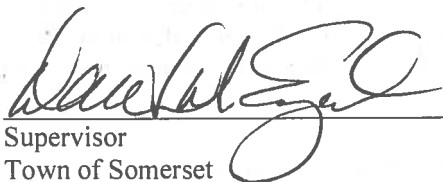


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Sincerely,



William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



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Supervisor  
Town of Somerset

Dated 9/3/14

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
James Vogel, DEC Region 9  
Thomas Wantuck, DEC Region 9

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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Mr. Richard Moy, Supervisor  
PO Box 145  
Clarendon, NY 14429

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Moy:

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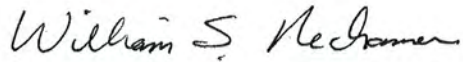
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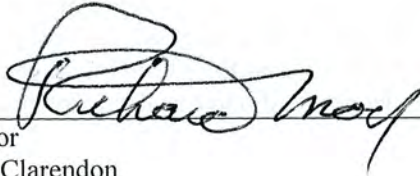
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Sincerely,



William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



Supervisor  
Town of Clarendon

Dated 8/19/14

Cc: Paul Chatfield, Town Engineer, Town of Clarendon  
Larry Swanger, Highway Superintendent, Town of Clarendon

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8

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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

The Honorable John Kenney, Mayor  
72 Public Square  
Holley, NY 14470

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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Floodplain Management Section  
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Mayor  
Village of Holley

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

8/18/2014

Cc: David Nenni, Highway Superintendent, Village of Holley

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. Steven Groat, Supervisor  
6 South Park Street  
Clyde, NY 14433

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

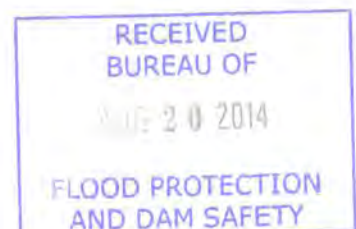
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1. The Town needs updated studies for all of the streams due to age of current studies and multiple areas of flooding within the Town.



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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

STEVEN J. GROAT



Supervisor  
Town of Galen

Dated AUGUST 18, 2014

Cc: **Thomas Sawtelle, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Galen**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8

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Joe Martens  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. Dennis Stirk, Supervisor  
3665 Clarendon Road  
Albion, NY 14411

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Stirk:

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1. Current maps are accurate for the Town, but the Town would like digital maps with approximate studies using updated elevation information and a more useable scale.

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Sincerely,



William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



Supervisor  
Town of Albion

Dated 8/18/14

Cc: Daniel Strong, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Albion

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. Barry Leemann, Supervisor  
521 County Route 17A  
Williamstown, NY 13493

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

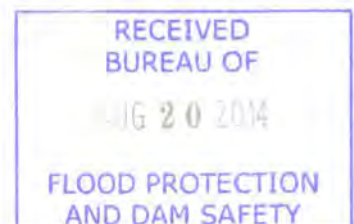
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We regret having missed the opportunity to meet with your community at both the pre-Discovery webinars and the in person Discovery meetings to discuss FEMA's RiskMAP program. The purpose of the meetings was to explain the new mapping process and products, and to review your priorities for areas to be studied for the new maps. Please understand that budget constraints will prevent us from fulfilling all of the requested studies at this time, but every request will be considered, and all unfulfilled requests will be officially cataloged as a stream study need for future remapping projects. These stream study requests will help direct and prioritize FEMA's future mapping activities.

Absent different information, we are assuming the Town is satisfied with the current FIRMs and has no new flood study requests at this time.



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William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



Supervisor  
Town of Amboy

Dated 8-18-14

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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Kevin Delaney, DEC Region 7

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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

The Honorable William McVea, Mayor  
PO Box 614  
Fair Haven, NY 13064



Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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1. There is a ravine along Little Sodus bay where a culvert was filled and washed out the foundation of a house along the shore during a storm event.
2. There should be a new approximate study for the unnamed tributary to Little Sodus Bay. There is a section of the stream that is piped near Fair Haven Road and the Main Street culver was replaced in 2006 or 2007.



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Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*William R. McVea*

Mayor  
Village of Fair Haven

Dated 8/18/14

Cc: Stan Krawczyk, Code Enforcement Officer, Village of Fair Haven

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Kevin Delaney, DEC Region 7

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August 14, 2014

Mr. Michael Wiggins, Supervisor  
1323 Town Barn Road  
Red Creek, NY 13143

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

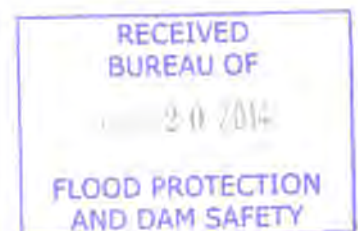
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William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Michael P. Higgins*  
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Supervisor  
Town of Victory

Dated 8/18/2014

Cc: Lezli Parsons, Assessor, Town of Victory

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Kevin Delaney, DEC Region 7

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Joe Martens  
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August 14, 2014

Ms. Patricia Marini, Supervisor  
3600 Lorraine Drive  
Walworth, NY 14568

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

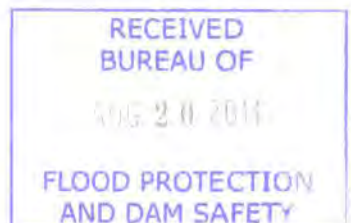
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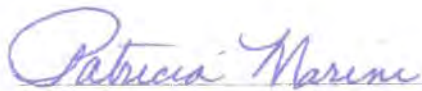


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Sincerely,



William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



Supervisor  
Town of Walworth

Dated 8/18/2014

Cc: **Norman Druschel, Floodplain Administrator, Town of Walworth**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8

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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Mr. John Gaylord, Supervisor  
13149 State Route 12  
Boonville, NY 13309

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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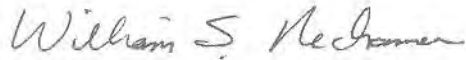
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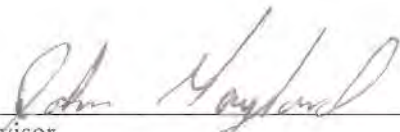


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Sincerely,



William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

  
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Supervisor  
Town of Boonville

Dated 8/18/14

Cc: Katherine Crill, Floodplain Administrator, Town of Boonville

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Mr. Stephen Roy, Supervisor  
14-16 Mill Street  
Sodus, NY 14551

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Roy:

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- Lake Ontario needs updated detailed study due to inaccuracies depicted on the map. Houses east of Boller Point at the mouth of Sill Creek are shown as in the floodplain, but are 32 feet above the water. There is also coastal erosion of about 40 feet along Maxwell Bay where trees are down along the buff.

The Town also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- Community noted concerns about impacts on Sodus Bay if Charles Point/Crescent Beach is breached. Major concern is that water surface elevations will increase in the bay.

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Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

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*Steve M. Libby*  
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Supervisor  
Town of Sodus

Dated 8/18/14

Cc: Al Hendrikse, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Sodus

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8



I HAVE MADE IT VERY CLEAR TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH DEC AND FEMA THAT THERE IS GRAVE CONCERN ACROSS THE ENTIRE SOUTH SHORE OF LAKE ONTARIO THAT IF IMPLEMENTED, PLAN 2014 WILL CAUSE A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR, MAN MADE DISASTER!  
SHAME ON ANYONE WHO CONSIDERED THIS A NON-ISSUE AND CHOOSES TO LOOK THE OTHER WAY... LEAVING OUR COMMUNITIES TO SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES.

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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

The Honorable John Garvey, County Administrator  
20 Ontario Street  
Canandaigua, New York 14424



Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear County Administrator Garvey:

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- Flint Creek should be studied by detailed method due to channelization and excavation project in Potter Swamp. *that occurred after the current FEMA flood maps were prepared.*
- Canandaigua Outlet, Canandaigua Lake, Honeoye Lake, Honeoye Outlet, Irondequoit Creek, Marsh Creek, Seneca Lake, Mud Creek, Sucker Brook, Fall Brook, Muar Lake, & Ganargua River: All done prior to the updated LiDAR elevation data provided by Ontario County in 2006. Major developments along Sucker Brook, Canandaigua Lake, Honeoye Lake, Seneca Lake, Muar Lake, Irondequoit Creek, Marsh Creek, Ganargua River, Fall Brook, etc. have occurred.



The County also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- There are hydraulic studies for Fall Brook and CL-13 DEC Wetland <sup>watersheds available from</sup> by the County.
- The County has digital building footprint information. <sup>from 2009</sup>
- <sup>updated</sup> ~~The County has hardcopy information for critical/essential facilities.~~
- The County has digital bathymetry information. <sup>for the 22 ft. depth contour of Honeoye lake, and orthographically corrected stream centerline location GIS files.</sup>
- There are USGS gages for Canandaigua Outlet and Honeoye Outlet Bridge. National Weather Service, rain gage data for Canandaigua City Water Plant and Canandaigua Airport D38.
- Castle Creek and Cemetery Creek are piped underground in the City of Geneva. <sup>→ The Town of Geneva commissioned an engineering study of Castle Creek.</sup>
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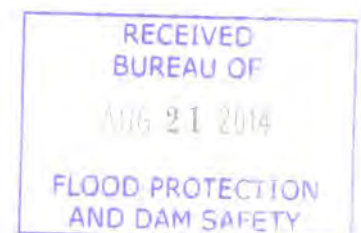
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County Administrator  
Ontario County

Dated August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014

*with changes noted in red J6*

Cc: Timothy Jensen, Ontario County Planning Department  
Sheri Norton, Ontario County Planning Department  
Jeff Harloff, Ontario County Emergency Management  
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

The Honorable Peter Blandino, Mayor  
100 East Miller Street  
Newark, NY 14513

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Peter M. Blandin*

Mayor  
Village of Newark

Dated 8/19/14

Cc: Jon Verkey, Code Enforcement Officer, Village of Newark

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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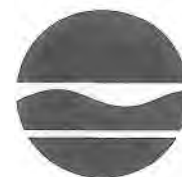
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

The Honorable Ralph Marsocci, Mayor  
11 North Lake Ave  
PO Box 100  
Bergen, NY 14416

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The Village also provided the follow information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- There is a portion of the stream piped underground for about 30 feet underneath the Lawn Medic Building on Gate Street.

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*Rosa Marie Barclay*  
Supervisor  
Town of Bergen  
*Mayor*  
*Village of Bergen*

Dated 8/19/14

Cc: Ken Steinmetz, Department of Public Works Supervisor, Village of Bergen

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

The Honorable Brian Schenk, Mayor

PO Box 386

Naples, NY 14512

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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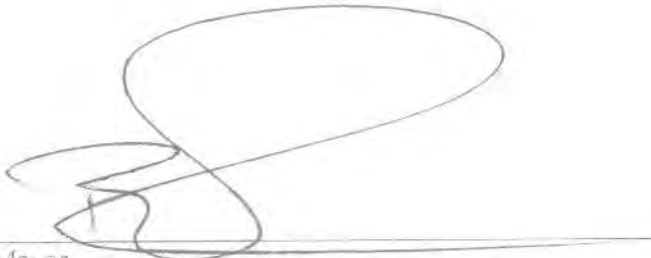
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Mayor  
Village of Naples

Dated 8-19-2014

Cc: Frank Mueller, Code Enforcement Officer, Village of Naples

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

The Honorable David Gardner, Mayor  
PO Box 153  
Mannsville, NY 13619

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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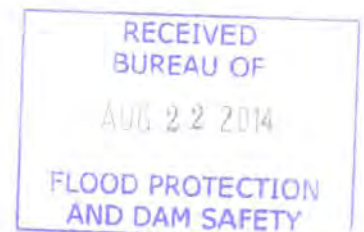


Mayor  
Village of Mannsville

Dated 8/18/14

Cc: **Tim McClusky, Code Enforcement Officer, Village of Mannsville**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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The Honorable Thomas W. Gillen, Mayor  
13 West Oneida Street  
Oswego, NY 13126

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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1. Wine Creek should be restudied by detailed methods for its entire length within the City. There have been several hydraulic improvements such as new culverts that are not included in the current modeling.
2. Harbor Brook should be restudied by detailed methods from Mitchell Street to Hall Road.

The City also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the scope of the project:

- There are multiple piped or underground streams within the City. The City has hardcopy information on the pipe dimensions and locations.

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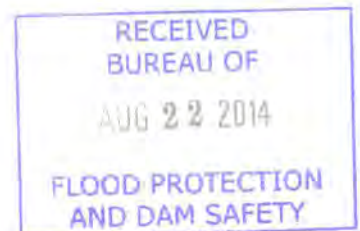
Mayor  
City of Oswego

Dated

8/20/14

Cc: Anthony Leotta, City Engineer, City of Oswego  
Robert Johnson, Engineering Technician, City of Oswego

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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Commissioner

August 14, 2014

*Dennis J Brochey*  
Mr. Steven Reiter, Supervisor  
1375 Ridge Road  
PO Box 330  
Lewiston, NY 14092

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Reiter: *Brochey*

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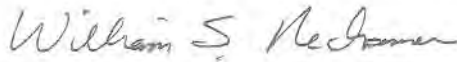
- Cayuga Creek should be a new detailed study from the Town corporate limit to the Route 31. There is flooding in this area due to undersized culverts under the railroad tracks. There is also an industrial park in this area.
- Gill Creek should be a new detailed study through the Indian Reservation because of flooding issues along the creek. There is flooding caused by Gill Creek along Mount Hope Road and Chew Road and the reservation will not allow any changes to be made to the creek.
- Tributary CC-t2 should be a detailed study from the south corporate limit to Bridgeman Road.

The Town also provided the follow information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- There have been many culvert improvements in the past 10-12 years, but not due to flooding issues.

If this understanding is correct, then please sign below and return a copy of this letter to my attention by September 2, 2014. Please also provide a numbered prioritized list of the above restudy or new study requests with 1 ranking the highest in priority. If the above noted list of priorities is incorrect, or if you or representatives from your community have questions or comments regarding the Discovery project process, please contact NYSDEC floodplain management staff at 518-402-8185 or email us at [floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us).

Sincerely,



William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



Supervisor  
Town of Lewiston

Dated Aug 19, 2014

Cc: Timothy Masters, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Lewiston

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
James Vogel, DEC Region 9  
Thomas Wantuck, DEC Region 9



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August 14, 2014

Mr. Michael Cianfrini, Supervisor  
3219 Drake Street  
Oakfield, NY 14125

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Cianfrini:

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1. Unnamed stream should be a new detailed study from Maltby Road to the town line due to increased development pressure and significant residential growth due to nanopark in the Town of Alabama.
2. Unnamed stream should be a new detailed study from north of Drake Street Road at confluence with priority stream number 1 to Batavia Oakfield Town Line Road due to growth and development in the Town and Village.
3. Unnamed stream should be a detailed study from north of Maltby Road to southwest of Hutton Road due to increased growth and development.
4. Unnamed stream should be a detailed study from just north of Maltby Road to the intersection of Fisher Road and Lewiston Road due to increased growth and development.

The Town also provided the follow information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

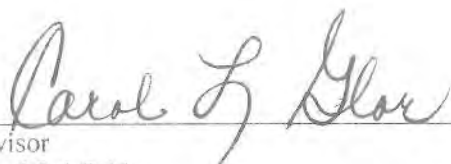
- There have been culverts replaced along Lewiston Road, Main Street (in the Village), and North Pearl Street (in the Village).
- There have been many bridge replacements in the Town since the effective FIRM date of 1984.
- There are flooding issues in the Oak Orchard State Wildlife Management Area that are being resolved by the State.
- There is 1100 acres currently being developed for the STAMP nanotech park.
- The mining area of the Town is closed and currently being flooded by the DEC mining program.

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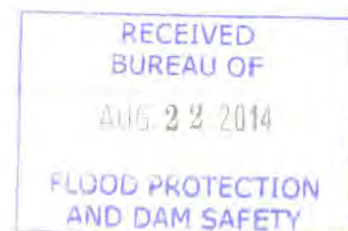


Supervisor  
Town of Oakfield

Dated 8/18/2014

Cc: Alan Dennis, Highway Superintendent, Town of Oakfield  
Thomas Graham, Disaster Coordinator/Judge, Town of Oakfield

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8



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August 14, 2014

Mr. David Spickerman, Supervisor  
4576 Butler Center Road  
Wolcott, NY 14590

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Spickerman:

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We regret having missed the opportunity to meet with your community at both the pre-Discovery webinars and the in person Discovery meetings to discuss FEMA's RiskMAP program. The purpose of the meetings was to explain the new mapping process and products, and to review your priorities for areas to be studied for the new maps. Please understand that budget constraints will prevent us from fulfilling all of the requested studies at this time, but every request will be considered, and all unfulfilled requests will be officially cataloged as a stream study need for future remapping projects. These stream study requests will help direct and prioritize FEMA's future mapping activities.

A Community RiskMAP worksheet was submitted noting that the current FEMA maps are inaccurate for the community. However, no details of which stream reaches are inaccurate or why were provided.



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Sincerely,



William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

  
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Supervisor  
Town of Butler

Dated 8/19/14

Cc: **Don Camp, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Butler**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

Ms. Patricia Connors, Supervisor  
18 State Street  
Brockport, NY 14420

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Ms. ~~Connors~~: *Mr. CARGES*

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1. Brockport Creek should be an updated limited detail study due to the culvert under E Canal Road that is undersized and has caused flooding in the area that may be more extensive than what is shown on the current maps.

The Town also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- There is development of college suites in the northwestern part of Town.

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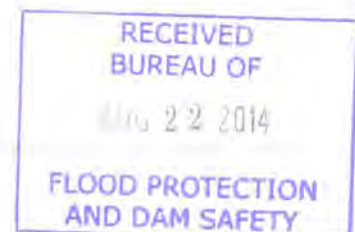
*Rust Cuyul*  
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Supervisor  
Town of Sweden

Dated

*8/18/14*

Cc: **Walter Windus, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Sweden**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8



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August 14, 2014

Ms. Cheryl Horton, Supervisor  
33019 US Highway 11  
Philadelphia, NY 13673

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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- There are no requests for new or updated studies at this time.

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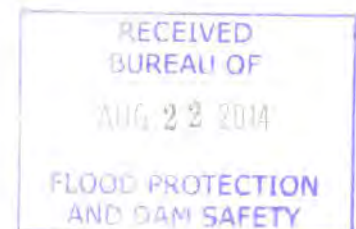
*William S. Nechamen*

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Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Cheryl Horton*  
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Supervisor  
Town of Philadelphia

Dated 8/19/14

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Carl Quance, DEC Region 6



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August 14, 2014

The Honorable Ian M. Coyle, County Administrator  
Livingston County Government Center  
6 Court Street, Room 302  
Geneseo, NY 14454

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LIVINGSTON COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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- Spring Creek and Buck Run should be studied by approximate methods through the Village of Mount Morris.
- Tributaries to the Genesee River should be studied by approximate methods through the town of York.
- The Genesee River should be restudied by detailed methods due to a salt mine collapse in 1994 in the Towns of Leicester and York. This has impacted the topography of the area and changed the floodplain of the river.

- Bradner Creek and Brewery Creek should be studied by detailed methods into the Town of North Dansville. The studies currently end at the Village Corporate Limits.
- Conesus Creek should be studied in detailed methods in the Town of Sparta through the Hamlet of Scottsburg.
- McMillan Creek and the unnamed tributary should be studied by approximate methods from Marshal Road to Route 15 in the Town of Conesus.
- Conesus Creek should be studied by approximate methods in the Town of Avon.
- The unnamed stream in the Town of Avon should be studied by approximate methods from north of Sutton Road to East Avon Road.
- The tributaries to Conesus Creek and the northern part of Conesus Lake should be studied by detailed methods in the Town of Livonia.

The County also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- Heather Ferrero of Livingston County Planning Department has digital files of Conesus Lake Bathymetry.
- There is an Army Corps of Engineers report on the Canaseraga Creek Watershed.

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Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

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Floodplain Management Section  
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County Manager *Admiral*  
Lewis County *Livingston County*

Dated 08 20 14

Cc: Heather Ferrero, Livingston County Planning Department  
Robert Stryker, District Manager Livingston County Soil & Water Conservation District

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. Brian Napoli, Supervisor  
410 West Avenue  
Medina, NY 14470

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1. Oak Orchard Creek should be studied by detailed method because the Town would like base flood elevations.

The Town also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- There is industrial expansion off of Bates Road near the Village of Medina.



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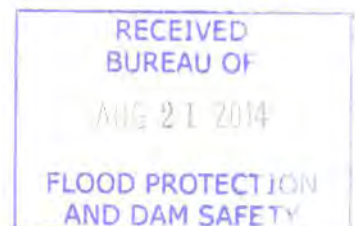
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*Brian Napoli*  
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Supervisor  
Town of Ridgeway

Dated 8/19/14

Cc: Daniel Wolfe, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Ridgeway

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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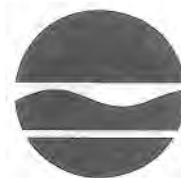
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Mr. Will Wadsworth, Supervisor  
4630 Millennium Drive  
Geneseo, NY 14454

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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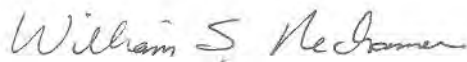
- An updated detailed study of Conesus Lake due to re-development occurring along the lake shore.
- Jaycox Creek should have a new detailed study from the Village corporate limits to Country Club Road due to flooding in the area.

The Town also provided the follow information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:


- There is a low lying area in the northeast corner of the Town that is for sale and could possibly be developed in the near future by Conesus Creek and Lima Road. An approximate study of Conesus Creek and the Unnamed Tributary may be helpful for any future development in this area.

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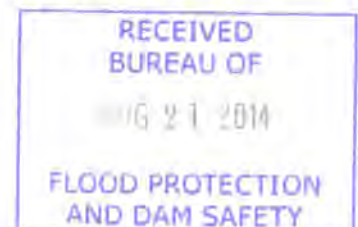
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Town of Geneseo

Dated 8.19.14

Cc: **Ronald Maxwell, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Geneseo**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Ms. Deborah Babbitt-Henry, Supervisor  
8022 S. Main Street  
Springwater, NY 14560

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Ms. Babbitt-Henry:

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1. Springwater Creek should have a new detailed study due to potential expansion of trailer park in the floodplain. The Town needs updated mapping with elevation for proper enforcement of development along the creek.
2. Limekiln Creek should be a new approximate study due to agricultural development in the area.

The Town also provided the follow information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- There is potential development of an Agribusiness or Server Center off Route 15 near the southern corporate limit of town.
- There was a bridge replacement on Pokey Moonshine Road in 2013.
- There is a private dam off of Schribner Road.
- There is a potential for Agribusiness development near School Street.
- There was a FEMA payment for a flood in 2000/2002 for a few homes along South Main Street.
- There is a new culvert along Kellogg Road
- The State repaired a culvert along Conesus Springwater Road.
- There is frequent flooding on Route 15 near Morris Road.

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Sincerely,



William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



Supervisor  
Town of Springwater

Dated 8/18/14

Cc: Allen Henry, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Springwater

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Mr. Ronald Taylor, Supervisor  
8650 LeRay Street  
Evans Mills, NY 13637

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Taylor:

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*William S. Nechamen*

William Nechamen, Chief  
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*Ronald C. Taylor*  
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Supervisor  
Town of LeRay

Dated 8-19-14

Cc: **David Lachenauer, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of LeRay**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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Joe Martens  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. Andrew Lehman, Supervisor  
9882 State Route 126, Suite A  
Castorland, NY 13620

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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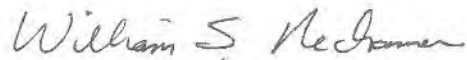
The County representatives that attended the in person Discovery Meeting provided the following mapping needs and priorities for the Town of Croghan.

1. New detailed study of Beaver River from High Pond Falls to the confluence with Swiss Creek. Development along this corridor of the river.
2. Updated approximate study of Beaver River from eastern corporate limit through High Falls Pond. There are new camps along this section of the river.



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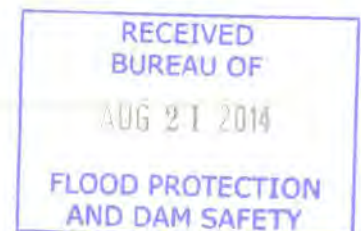
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Supervisor  
Town of Croghan

Dated 8-18-14

Cc: Roger Burriss, Floodplain Administrator, Town of Croghan

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 15, 2014

Mr. William Hausenauer, Supervisor  
12012 Woodhull Rd  
PO Box 137  
Forestport, NY 13338

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

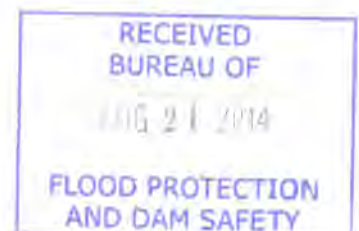
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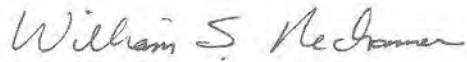
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Absent different information, we are assuming the Town is satisfied with the current FIRMs and has no new flood study requests at this time.



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Sincerely,



William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



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Supervisor  
Town of Forestport

Dated 8-19-14

Cc: **Bradley Smith, Floodplain Administrator, Town of Forestport**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
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Joe Martens  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. Lawrence Longway, Supervisor  
Municipal Office  
25859 NY Route 37  
Watertown, NY 13601

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Longway:

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2. Philomel Creek should be a detailed study from south of Route 12 and Lake Road intersection to Hinds Road. There has been a culver replacement across Route 12 and there new developments along Route 342 and Route 37.
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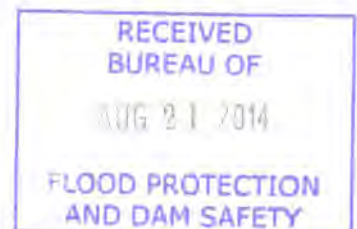
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*Laura C. Longo*  
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Mayor  
Town of Pamelaia

Dated 8-18-14

Cc: **Harry Potter, Planning Board Chair, Town of Pamelaia**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Carl Quance, DEC Region 6



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Joe Martens  
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August 14, 2014

The Honorable William Nelson, Mayor  
330 Ford Street  
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

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*William J. Nelson*

Mayor  
City of Ogdensburg

Dated

*8/19/14*

Cc: Andrea Smith, Director of Planning, City of Ogdensburg

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

The Honorable Richard Milne, Mayor  
5 East Street  
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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A Community RiskMAP Worksheet was submitted for the community which stated that the current FEMA FIRMs are accurate for the Village. There are no requests for restudies or new studies within the community at this time.



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*Richard B. Moore*

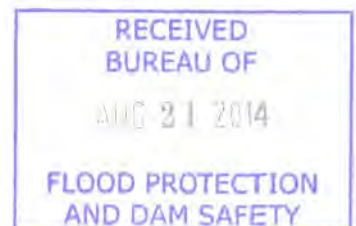
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Dated

*8/18/14*

Cc: Charlie Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer, Village of Honeoye Falls  
Greg Emmerson, Village Administrator, Village of Honeoye Falls

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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Joe Martens  
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August 14, 2014

The Honorable James Eves, Mayor  
100 Locke Street  
Dexter, NY 13634

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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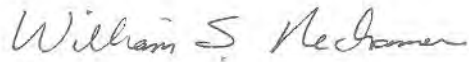
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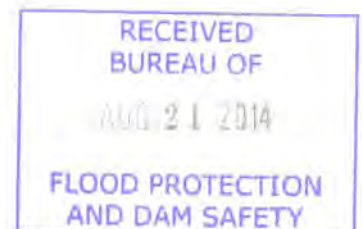
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Mayor  
Village of Dexter

Dated 19 Aug. 2014

Cc: James Millington, Code Enforcement Officer, Village of Dexter

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Carl Quance, DEC Region 6



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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

The Honorable Bruce Widrick, Mayor  
PO Box 391  
Croghan, NY 13327

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mayor Widrick:

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The County representatives that attended the in person Discovery Meeting provided the following mapping needs and priorities for the Village of Croghan.

1. New detailed study of Beaver River through the Village.

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Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

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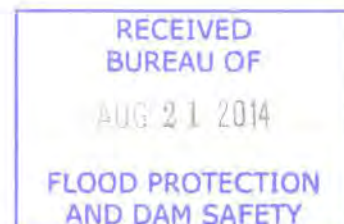
*Bruce C. Whitely*

Mayor  
Village of Croghan

Dated 8-18-14

Cc: Elizabeth Jones, Floodplain Administrator, Village of Croghan

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

*John Smith*  
Mr. ~~Robert Kelsch~~, Supervisor  
1850 Ridge Road  
Ontario, NY 14519

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Kelsch:

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1. Lake Ontario/Bear Creek Harbor should be an updated detailed study due to shoreline protection measures take around 2000.

*The entire town should be updated due to our 20+ years of drainage mitigation effort!*

If this understanding is correct, then please sign below and return a copy of this letter to my attention by September 2, 2014. If the above noted list of priorities is incorrect, or if you or representatives from your community have questions or comments regarding the Discovery project process, please contact NYSDEC floodplain management staff at 518-402-8185 or email us at [floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us).

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*William S. Nechamen*

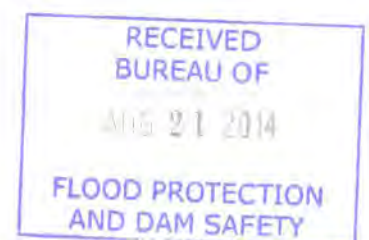
William Nechamen, Chief  
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Supervisor  
Town of Ontario

Dated 8/18/14

Cc: Edward Collins, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Ontario

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August 14, 2014

Mr. Merton Wiepert, Supervisor  
3265 Creek Road  
Youngstown, NY 14174

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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- The current FEMA maps are accurate for the Town and there are no requests for new or updated studies at this time.

The Town also provided the following information for FEMA to consider while developing the project scope:

- There is an area of higher erosion along Forth Niagara Beach.
- There is a new culvert on Lutts Road for unmapped stream.
- There is development and a high concentration of septic systems in Ransomville area.
- There is redevelopment along the Lake Ontario shoreline.



- There is an engineering study for unnamed tributary to Lake Ontario between Route 93 and Creek Lane.

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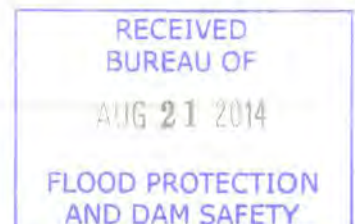
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Supervisor  
Town of Porter

Dated 8-15-14

Cc: **Roy Rogers, Building Inspector, Town of Porter**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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James Vogel, DEC Region 9  
Thomas Wantuck, DEC Region 9



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August 14, 2014

The Honorable Carl Luft, Mayor  
7329 East Main Street  
PO Box 20A  
Lima, NY 14485

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1. Spring Brook should be a new limited detail study for its length within the Village. The Village needs the correct extent of the floodplain and elevations for administration of new development.

The Town also provided the follow information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- There are a few areas of ongoing development within the Village that are not reflected on the current maps.

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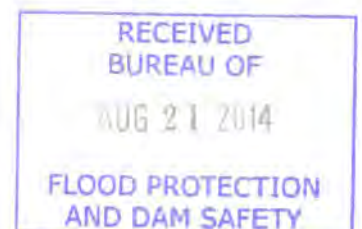
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Mayor  
Village of Lima

Dated

*8/18/14*

Cc: Charlie Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer, Village of Lima

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8



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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Mr. Ronald Greenleaf, Supervisor  
824 County Route 34, Drawer B  
Hannibal, NY 13071

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Greenleaf:

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- There are no requests for updated or new stream studies requested at this time as the current maps are accurate for the community.



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Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



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Supervisor  
Town of Hannibal

Dated 18 Aug 14

Cc: **Morris Sorbello, Oswego County Legislature**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Kevin Delaney, DEC Region 7



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August 14, 2014

Mr. Donald Cunningham, Supervisor  
10 Hunter Street  
Bergen, NY 14416

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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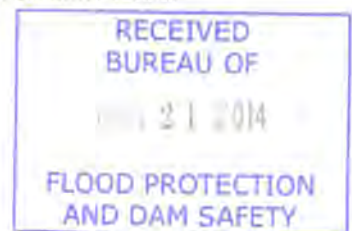
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- The Town feels the current FEMA FIRMs are accurate and do not request any updated stream studies.

The Town also provided the follow information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- There have been culvert replacements along Sackett Road, Creamery Road, and Townline Road.



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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Donald S. Crigler*  
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Supervisor  
Town of Bergen

Dated 08/18/14

Cc: **David Mason, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Bergen**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8

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August 14, 2014

The Honorable Scott Schuler, Mayor  
PO BOX 55  
Elba, NY 14058

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Mayor  
Village of Elba

Dated



Cc: Phil Young, Department of Public Works, Village of Elba

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

The Honorable Raleigh Reynolds, Mayor  
240 Lockport Street  
PO Box 168  
Youngstown, NY 14174

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Absent different information, we are assuming the Village is satisfied with the current FIRMs and has no new flood study requests at this time.

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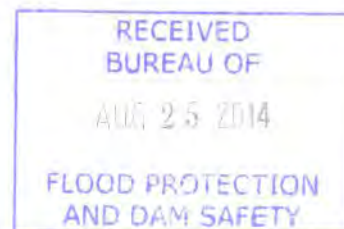


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Mr. James Hoffman, Supervisor  
6380 State Route 21, Suite 2  
Williamson, NY 14580

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1. Lake Ontario should have an updated detailed study due to erosion along the shoreline.
2. There should be a new approximate study of the unnamed stream in the southeastern corner of the Town from Tripp Road slightly beyond Townline Road due to flooding in this area.

The Town also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- There is a revetment project along the shore at Forman Park being led by the County.

If this understanding is correct, then please sign below and return a copy of this letter to my attention by September 2, 2014. If the above noted list of priorities is incorrect, or if you or representatives from your community have questions or comments regarding the Discovery project process, please contact NYSDEC floodplain management staff at 518-402-8185 or email us at [floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us).

Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

William Nechamen, Chief  
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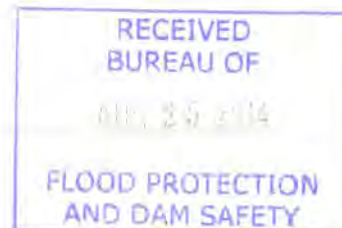
*James D. Hoffmann*

Supervisor  
Town of Williamson

Dated 5/20/14

Cc: Kurt Allman, Highway Superintendent, Town of Williamson  
Christine Nagel, Secretary to the Assessor, Town of Williamson

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

The Honorable Andrew Meier, Mayor  
119 Park Ave  
Medina, NY 14103

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mayor Meier:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) are cooperating on a new Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (RiskMAP) project for the Lake Ontario Watershed. FEMA's RiskMAP program is designed to deliver quality data that increases awareness of flood risks and leads to mitigation activities which reduce the potential loss of life and property. To achieve this goal NYSDEC and FEMA met with communities and watershed groups within the Lake Ontario watershed to determine if additional floodplain and flood risk mapping products are needed.

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1. Oak Orchard Creek should be studied by detailed methods for its length within the corporate limits because the Village needs base flood elevations. The current maps are unusable.

If this understanding is correct, then please sign below and return a copy of this letter to my attention by September 2, 2014. If the above noted list of priorities is incorrect, or if you or representatives from your community have questions or comments regarding the Discovery project process, please contact NYSDEC floodplain management staff at 518-402-8185 or email us at [floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us).

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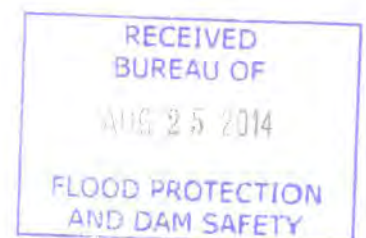
Mayor  
Village of Medina

Dated

8.20.14

Cc: Peter Houseknecht, Highway Superintendent, Village of Medina

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

The Honorable Katherine Perkins, Mayor

PO Box 308

Parish, NY 13131

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mayor Perkins:

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- There are no requests for new or updated studies at this time.

The Village also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the scope of the project:

- There is a new culvert near the intersection of N Railroad Street and Church Street.
- There is a low lying area along the North Branch Little Salmon River near Main Street W that floods during snow melts and rain storms.



If this understanding is correct, then please sign below and return a copy of this letter to my attention by September 2, 2014. If the above noted list of priorities is incorrect, or if you or representatives from your community have questions or comments regarding the Discovery project process, please contact NYSDEC floodplain management staff at 518-402-8185 or email us at [floodplm@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:floodplm@gw.dec.state.ny.us).

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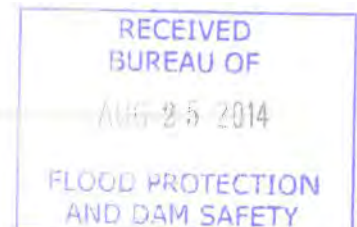
*Kathryn E. Perkins*

Mayor  
Village of Parish

Dated *Aug. 22, 14*

Cc: **George Bennett, Code Enforcement Officer, Village of Parish**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Kevin Delaney, DEC Region 7



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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Ms. Jolene Bender, Supervisor  
3823 No. Main Street  
Marion, NY 14505

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Ms. Bender:

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1. The Town needs updated studies for all of the streams due to age of current studies and difficulty of use due to the scale of the current maps.

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*William S. Nechamen*

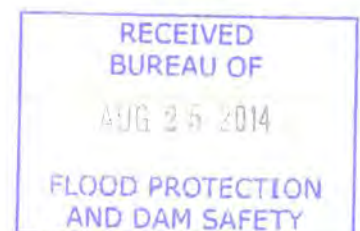
William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Monica Deyo*  
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Supervisor  
Town of Marion

Dated 8/20/14

Cc: **Gary Lau, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Marion**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8



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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Mr. Robert Ottley, Supervisor  
6460 East Buffalo Road  
Churchville, NY 14428

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Ottley:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) are cooperating on a new Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (RiskMAP) project for the Lake Ontario Watershed. FEMA's RiskMAP program is designed to deliver quality data that increases awareness of flood risks and leads to mitigation activities which reduce the potential loss of life and property. To achieve this goal NYSDEC and FEMA met with communities and watershed groups within the Lake Ontario watershed to determine if additional floodplain and flood risk mapping products are needed.

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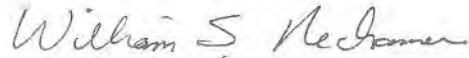
- The current FEMA FIRMs are accurate for the community and there are no requests for new or updated studies at this time.

The Town also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

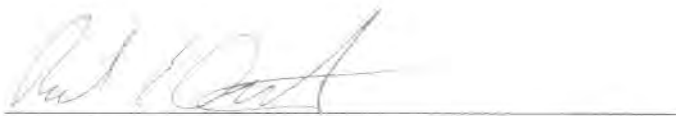
- There is seasonal spring flooding along the Black Creek near Attridge Road.
- There was a bridge replaced on Attridge Road in the last 2-3 years.

If this understanding is correct, then please sign below and return a copy of this letter to my attention by September 2, 2014. Please also provide a numbered prioritized list of the above restudy requests with 1 ranking the highest in priority. If the above noted list of priorities is incorrect, or if you or representatives from your community have questions or comments regarding the Discovery project process, please contact NYSDEC floodplain management staff at 518-402-8185 or email us at [floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us).

Sincerely,



William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



Supervisor  
Town of Riga

Dated

5/22/14

Cc: Bob Panik, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Riga

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8

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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

The Honorable Jerry Fremouw, Mayor  
6 South Park Street  
Clyde, NY 14433

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mayor Fremouw:

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Sincerely,

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William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Paul Weberg*  
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Mayor  
Village of Clyde

Dated 8-19-2014

Cc: Thomas Sawtelle, Code Enforcement Officer, Village of Clyde

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8



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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Ms. Marilyn Patterson  
Town Hall  
5186 Greig Road  
Greig, NY 13345

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Ms. Patterson:

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1. The Black River should be studied as a detailed study for the entire length within the town.
2. Updated approximate study of Fish Creek from confluence with Black River to approximately 31,900 feet upstream of Steam Mill Road.
3. Bratingham Lake should be a detailed study with a base flood elevation. The dam is in the current study and there are many LOMAs along the lake.
4. Copper Lake in the southeast of the Town should be a new detailed study. There are properties along the lake shore that are affected by flooding.
5. Updated approximate studies for all the tributaries to the Black River.



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Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Marilyn Robinson*

Supervisor  
Town of Greig

Dated 8-22-14

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Cc: **David Meade, Floodplain Administrator, Town of Greig**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Carl Quance, DEC Region 6

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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Mr. Virgil Taylor, Supervisor  
6971 Number Four Rd  
Lowville, NY 13367

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Taylor:

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We regret having missed the opportunity to meet with your community at both the pre-Discovery webinars and the in person Discovery meetings to discuss FEMA's RiskMAP program. The purpose of the meetings was to explain the new mapping process and products, and to review your priorities for areas to be studied for the new maps. Please understand that budget constraints will prevent us from fulfilling all of the requested studies at this time, but every request will be considered, and all unfulfilled requests will be officially cataloged as a stream study need for future remapping projects. These stream study requests will help direct and prioritize FEMA's future mapping activities.

Absent different information, we are assuming the Town is satisfied with the current FIRMs and has no new flood study requests at this time.

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Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Reginald E. Taylor*  
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Supervisor  
Town of Watson

Dated 8/22/14

Cc: Paul Gyore, Floodplain Administrator, Town of Watson

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
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SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

August 14, 2014

Mr. Russell Sturtz, Supervisor  
PO Box 141  
New Haven, NY 13121

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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- Now requests for new or updated studies at this time.

The Town also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the scope of the project:

- The County rebuilt the bridge over Catfish Creek on County Route 35 in 2013.
- There is riprap and retaining walls along the Lake Ontario shoreline due to erosion.
- The bridge over Catfish Creek on County Route 1 is closed.

If this understanding is correct, then please sign below and return a copy of this letter to my attention by September 2, 2014. If the above noted list of priorities is incorrect, or if you or representatives from your community have questions or comments regarding the Discovery project process, please contact NYSDEC floodplain management staff at 518-402-8185 or email us at [floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us).

Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

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*Russell E. Stoltz*

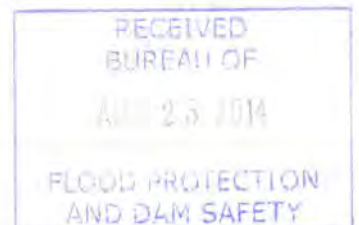
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Town of New Haven

Dated

*8/18/14*

Cc: Mark Slosek, Planning Board Chairperson, Town of New Haven  
Ron Wilson, Planning Board Member, Town of New Haven

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. John Belson, Supervisor  
8 South Main Street  
Lyndonville, NY 14098

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1. The current maps are unusable due to age and scale. The Town needs updated digital maps with correct road names.

The Town also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- There was a bridge replaced on Blood Road over Johnson Creek.
- There is a new culvert from 2013 under Alps Road near the intersection with Greenman Road.
- There is a new box culvert along Johnson Creek under N Lyndonville Road.
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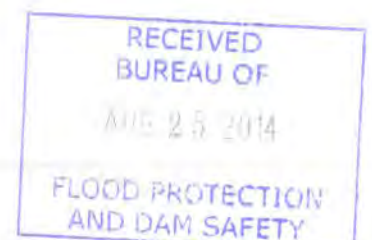
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Supervisor  
Town of Yates

Dated 8-22-2014

Cc: Daniel Wolfe, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Shelby

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8



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**VILLAGE OF LYNDONVILLE**

August 14, 2014

The Honorable Stephen McAvoy, Mayor  
2 South Main Street  
Lyndonville, NY 14098

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The Village also provided the following information for FEMA to consider while developing of the project scope:

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- There is digital and hardcopy data of rain gage data at the water and sewer plant.
- There is a proposed dredging project of Johnson Pond by the USACE and NYSDEC.

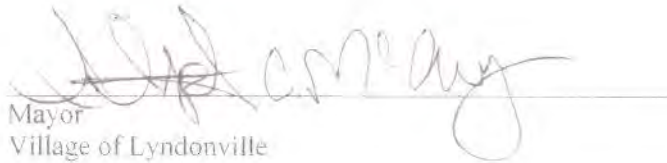


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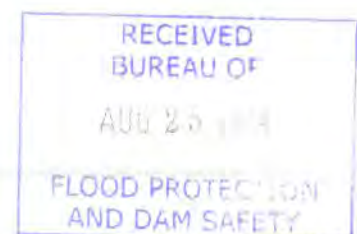


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Mayor  
Village of Lyndonville

Dated Aug 21, 2014

Cc: Terry Woodworth, Highway Superintendent, Village of Lyndonville

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. Vince Moore, Supervisor  
PO Box 56  
Lorraine, NY 13659

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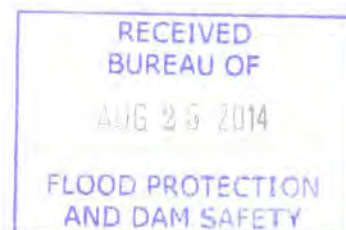


Supervisor  
Town of Lorraine

Dated 23 AUG 14

Cc: Penny Timberland, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Lorraine

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Carl Quance, DEC Region 6



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August 14, 2014

Mr. Dan Leuer, Supervisor  
51 Sherman Ave  
Wyoming, NY 14591

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2. Oatka Creek needs a new detailed study for its length within the town. There are currently no maps for the Town of Middlebury.
3. Village Brook needs a new detailed study due to flooding experienced in 1989 that washed out Wass Road.

The Town also provided the follow information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

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- The bridge over Little Tonawanda Creek on W Middlebury Road was washed out during the 1989 flood.

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*David P. Lane*

Supervisor  
Town of Middlebury

Dated 8/22/14

Cc: Robert Smart, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Middlebury

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. John Moffitt, Supervisor  
16 West Main Street  
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

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TOWN SUPERVISOR  
TOWN OF MENDON

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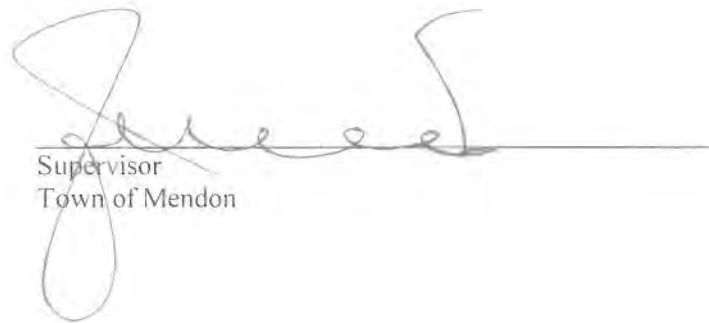
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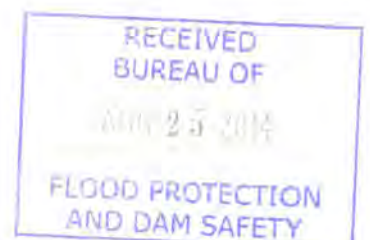


Supervisor  
Town of Mendon

Dated 8-21-14

Cc: **Thomas Voorhees, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Mendon**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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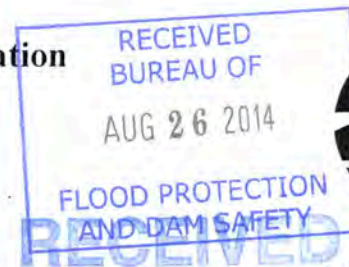
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Ms. Gay Lenhard, Supervisor  
269 Ogden Center Road  
Spencerport, NY 14559

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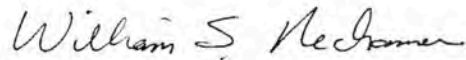
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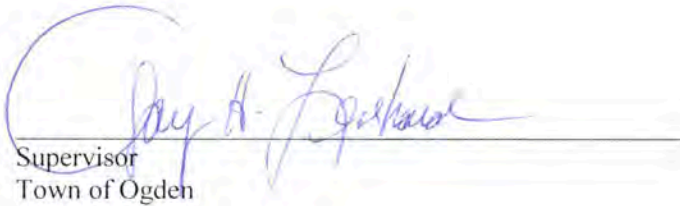


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Supervisor  
Town of Ogden

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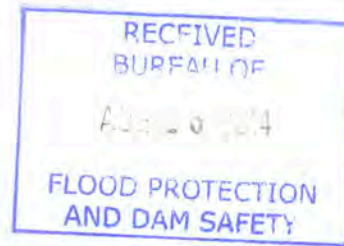
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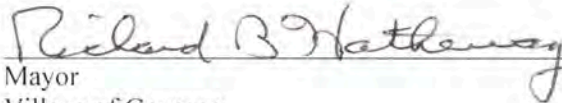
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3710 Lake Road  
PO Box 858  
Clarkson, NY 14430



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Supervisor  
Town of Clarkson

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The Honorable Fredrick May, Mayor  
31 South Main Street  
Fairport, NY 14450

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mayor May:

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- There should be an updated study of Thomas Creek due the canal spillway that flows into Thomas Creek near Water Street. The canal floods when the water levels are high in the creek.

If this understanding is correct, then please sign below and return a copy of this letter to my attention by September 2, 2014. Please also provide a prioritized list of the above requests and concerns (with 1 ranking the highest in priority). If the above noted list of priorities is incorrect, or if you or representatives from your community have questions or comments regarding the Discovery project process, please contact NYSDEC floodplain management staff at 518-402-8185 or email us at [floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us).

Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Frederick D. May*  
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Mayor  
Village of Fairport

Dated 8/20/2014

Cc: Paul Freeley, Department of Public Works, Village of Fairport

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner



August 14, 2014

The Honorable Liz Swearingin, County Manager  
Lewis County Court House  
7660 N State Street  
Lowville, NY 13367



Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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1. Mill Creek should be restudied by detailed methods through the Village of Lowville. There should be no floodplain for the stream reach that is in a gorge.
2. The Black River detailed study should be extended from Route 410 in the Town of Denmark to the confluence with Swiss Creek.
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4. The Sugar River should be studied by detailed methods through the Village of Constableville.



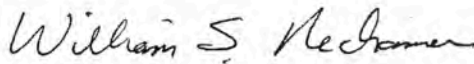
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The County also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:


- Nichelle Billhardt of the Soil & Water Conservation District has a digital file of piped streams in the Town and Village of Lowville.
- Nichelle Billhardt can provide the LiDAR layer for the data that was collected in 2012.

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Floodplain Management Section  
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County Manager  
Lewis County

ELIZABETH SWEARINGIN

Dated 8/22/14

Cc: Jackie Mahoney, Lewis County Director of Recreation, Forestry & Parks  
Nichelle Billhardt, District Manager Lewis County Soil & Water Conservation District  
Stanley Samson, Lewis County Highway Department  
James Martin, Lewis County Fire and Emergency Management  
Frank Page, Lewis County Planning

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August 14, 2014

Mr. Pete Yendell, Supervisor  
7329 East Main Street  
Lima, NY 14485

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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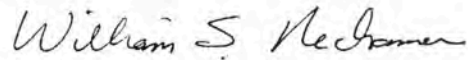
- Honeoye Creek should be a new limited detail study for its entire length through the Town. There is a need for flood elevations and updated base map due to level of development within the Town.

The Town also provided the follow information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

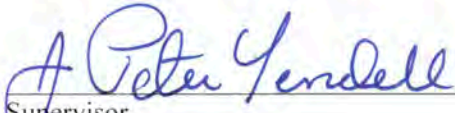
- There are floods along the Honeoye Creek from ice jams.
- There was a bridge replaced along Route 5&20 over Honeoye Creek in 2010.

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Supervisor  
Town of Lima

Dated 8-22-14

Cc: Charlie Johnson, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Lima

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8

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August 14, 2014

Mr. John Morriss, Supervisor  
3840 Frencher Road  
Holley, NY 14470

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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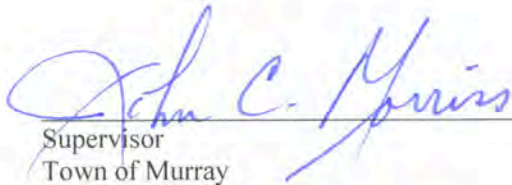
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Sincerely,



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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



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Supervisor  
Town of Murray

Dated Aug 25, 2014

Cc: Charles Felice, Planning Board Chairperson, Town of Murray

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8

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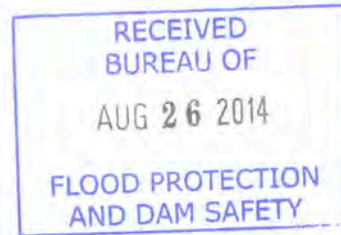
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August 14, 2014

Mr. James Ossont, Supervisor  
11468 State Route 26  
PO Box 68  
Ava, New York 13303

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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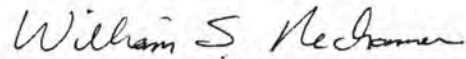
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We received a Community RiskMAP Questionnaire dated December 28, 2013. No areas of flooding concerns or request for restudy were noted on the questionnaire. Absent different information, we are assuming the Town is satisfied with the current FIRMs and has no new flood study requests at this time.

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Sincerely,



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Supervisor  
Town of Ava

Dated 8-25-14

Cc: Joseph Pfeiffer, Floodplain Administrator, Town of Ava

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Carl Quance, DEC Region 6

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August 14, 2014

The Honorable Richard Pastecki, Mayor  
37 Main Street  
Oakfield, NY 14125

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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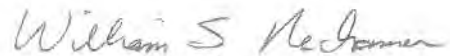
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Mayor JASON ARMBREWSTER  
Village of Oakfield

Dated 8-27-14

Cc: Bruce Gerould, Code Enforcement Officer, Village of Oakfield

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. Louis Gayton, Supervisor  
10510 Bethany Center Road  
East Bethany, NY 14054

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*Pietrzykowski*  
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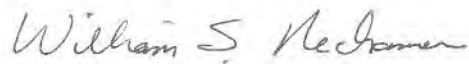
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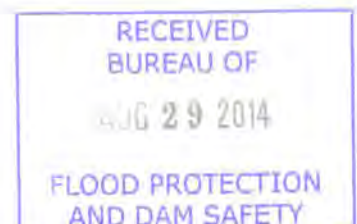
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Cc: **Thomas Douglas, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Bethany**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

~~Mr. Gerald Stout~~ **Ms Susan MAY**, Supervisor  
3429 Route 20A  
Warsaw, NY 14569

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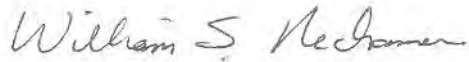
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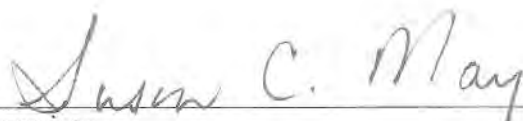
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Supervisor  
Town of Orangeville

Dated 8/26/14.

Cc: **Thomas Suto, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Orangeville**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
James Vogel, DEC Region 9  
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PO Box 348  
Medina, NY 14470

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Draper:

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1. Oak Orchard Creek should be studied by detailed method because the Town would like base flood elevations. The current maps are unusable.
2. Fish Creek should be studied by detailed methods because the Town needs base flood elevations. The current maps are unusable.

The Town also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- There is privately owned dam on Oak Orchard River to the east of Shelby Center near Martin Road.

If this understanding is correct, then please sign below and return a copy of this letter to my attention by September 2, 2014. If the above noted list of priorities is incorrect, or if you or representatives from your community have questions or comments regarding the Discovery project process, please contact NYSDEC floodplain management staff at 518-402-8185 or email us at [floodplm@dec.state.ny.us](mailto:floodplm@dec.state.ny.us).

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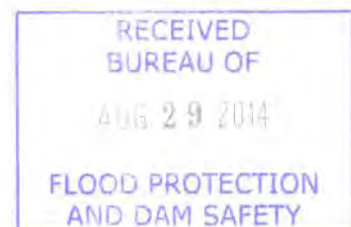
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Supervisor  
Town of Shelby

Dated 8/26/14

Cc: Daniel Wolfe, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Shelby

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Mr. Scott Aubertine, Supervisor  
PO Box 66  
Chaumont, NY 13659

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Aubertine:

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1. Lake Ontario should have a new detailed study with a Base Flood Elevation including Guffins Bay and Chaumont Bay. There is a lot of development along the shore line and there are a number of areas that flood along the shore.
2. The Chaumont River should have an updated detailed study from the confluence with Chaumont Bay to the upstream corporate limit of the Town. There will likely be development in this area of the Town.
3. Three Mile Creek should be an updated approximate study due to ice jams that cause the creek to flood.



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Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Scott G. Robertson*

Supervisor  
Town of Lyme

Dated 8-22-14

Cc: James Millington, Floodplain Administrator, Town of Lyme

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Carl Quance, DEC Region 6



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Joe Martens  
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August 14, 2014

The Honorable Catherine Liedecker, Mayor  
PO Box 368  
Lyons Falls, NY 13368

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mayor Liedecker:

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Absent different information, we are assuming the Village is satisfied with the current FIRMs and has no new flood study requests at this time.

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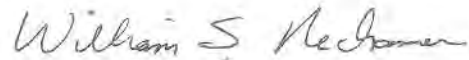
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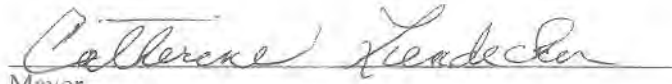


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Sincerely,



William Nechamen, Chief  
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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



Mayor  
Village of Lyons Falls

Dated 8/26/2014

Cc: Tim Wiedrick, Code Enforcement Officer, Village of Lyons Falls

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Carl Quance, DEC Region 6



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August 15, 2014

The Honorable Jay Gsell, County Manager

Old Courthouse

7 Main Street

Batavia, NY 14020

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear County Manager Gsell:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) are cooperating on a new Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (RiskMAP) project for the Lake Ontario Watershed. FEMA's RiskMAP program is designed to deliver quality data that increases awareness of flood risks and leads to mitigation activities which reduce the potential loss of life and property. To achieve this goal NYSDEC and FEMA met with communities and watershed groups within the Lake Ontario watershed to determine if additional floodplain and flood risk mapping products are needed.

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1. Black Creek should be mapped by approximate methods from the Thruway in Stafford to the Bethany town line. This section of the Black Creek is currently not mapped.
2. The tributaries to Black Creek need to be studied by approximate methods in the Town of Byron. The current studies end at the Town of Elba town line.
3. White Creek needs to be studied by approximate methods in the Town of Stafford along the East Bethany LeRoy Road.
4. Whitney Creek needs to be studied by detailed methods from Route 77 to the Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area in the Town of Alabama due to new industrial chip plant development.

5. The Oatka Creek should be updated to a detailed study within the Village of LeRoy.
6. Mud Creek Tributary should be studied by limited detailed methods from the Village of LeRoy corporate limit to Perry Road in the Town of LeRoy due to proposed development in this area.

The County also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- There is existing NRCS LiDAR for the northern 2/3 of the County that covers the watershed except for Bethany and Pavilion.
- The topography is principally Karst along the Onondaga escarpment.

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Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department Environmental Conservation

*Deborah A. Stull*  
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County Manager  
Genesee County

Dated

*8/29/14*  
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Cc: George Squires, Genesee County Soil & Water Conservation District Director  
Felipe Oltramari, Genesee County Planning Board Chair

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8



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Joe Martens  
Commissioner



August 14, 2014

The Honorable Jeffrey Graham, Mayor  
245 Washington St. Room 302A  
Watertown, NY 13601

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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The City also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- The City boundary has been revised. Contact the City GIS contact for shape file.




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Mayor  
City of Watertown

Dated

*8/26/14*

Cc: Kurt W. Hauk, P.E., Engineering Department, City of Watertown  
Justin Wood, P.E., Engineering Department, City of Watertown  
Matt Owen, IT Department, City of Watertown

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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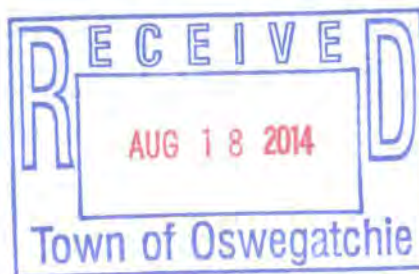
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August 14, 2014

Mr. Alfred Nichols, Supervisor  
51 State Street  
Heuvelton, NY 13654

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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1. Black Lake should be studied by detailed methods due to the amount of development in the area a base flood elevation is needed.
2. The St. Lawrence River should be studied by detailed methods due to development along the river there is a need for a base flood elevation.
3. The Oswegatchie River should be studied by detailed methods due to large areas of development along the river.

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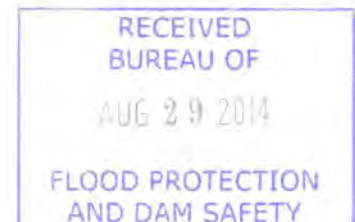
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*Alfred Nicholas*  
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Supervisor  
Town of Oswegatchie

Dated 8/25/2014

Cc: Timothy Tuttle, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Oswegatchie

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Carl Quance, DEC Region 6



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Joe Martens  
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August 14, 2014

The Honorable Janet Zando, Mayor  
68 Riverside Drive  
DeFeiet, NY 13628

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Paul M. Spada*  
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Mayor  
Village of Deferiet

Dated *August 28, 2014*

Cc: **Doug Babcock, Code Enforcement Officer, Village of Deferiet**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. Jason Molino, City Manager  
One Batavia City Centre  
Batavia, NY 14020

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- The Tonawanda Creek should be an updated detailed study due to flooding that occurs at the intersection of Walnut and Law and south of Railroad to the corporate limits and Lehigh Street.

The City also provided the follow information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- There is a USGS flood gage located on Tonawanda Creek in the City.
- There have been several major floods on the south side of the City.
- There were improvements made to the creek in 1954 by the Army Corps of Engineers.
- The City has digital information about the piped stream known locally as the "Big Ditch."
- The City has digital files of historical flood inundation areas and critical facilities.

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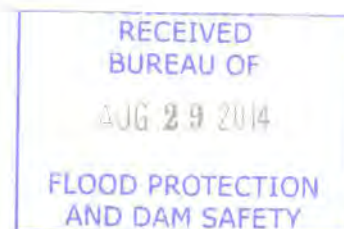
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*Jason Sklar*  
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City Manager  
City of Batavia

Dated 8/25/14

Cc: Steven Mountain, Engineer, Town of Batavia  
Sally Kuson, Director of Public Works, City of Batavia

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT

August 14, 2014

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24 Main Street  
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Middleport, NY 14105

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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- The current FEMA maps are accurate for the Village and there are no requests for new or updated studies at this time.

The Village also provided the following information for FEMA to consider while developing the project scope:

- There is an area of frequent flooding along Francis Street from Johnson Creek 2 Tributary 1 due to storm water issues.



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Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

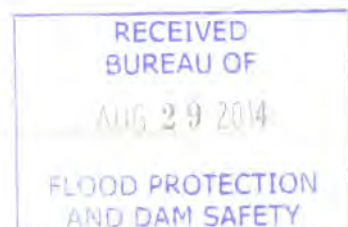
William Nechamen, Chief  
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*Richard J. Westcott*  
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Mayor  
Village of Middleport

Dated 8-18-14

Cc: Rebecca Schweigert, Village Clerk, Village of Middleport  
Brian Belson, Code Enforcement Officer, Village of Middleport

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Mr. Robert Clement, Supervisor  
8903 Route 237  
Stafford, NY 14143

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Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Robert S. Clement*

Supervisor  
Town of Stafford

Dated 8/25/14

Cc: Lester Mullen, Floodplain Administrator, Town of Stafford

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8



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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Mr. Ralph Angelo, Supervisor  
8690 Main Street  
PO Box 145  
Honeoye, NY 14471

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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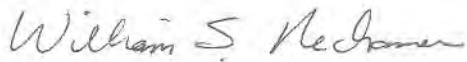
1. All streams need to be restudied to age of current maps and studies. Many changes have been made such as bridge and culvert replacements that have changed the stream hydraulics.
2. All A zones should be new detailed studies.

The Town also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- The bridge on Main Street over Honeoye Creek was replaced approximately 3 years ago. Since bridge was replaced only ice jam flooding has occurred.
- There is typically flooding around Honeoye Lake when there is 1.5" or more of rain and significant deposition of sediments.
- There are over 30 culverts scheduled to be replaced along Honeoye Lake along with a watermain installation.
- There is an area of flooding along Allens Hill Road.
- There is a sediment and hydrology survey for Sandy Bottom Pond conducted with USACE.
- There is a ditch that was filled in and the stream was piped near Main Street about 15 years ago.
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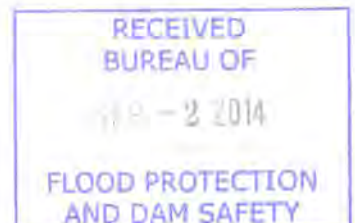
Supervisor  
Town of Richmond

Dated



Cc: Thomas Fleig, Highway Superintendent, Town of Richmond

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8



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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Mr. Tony Bush, Supervisor  
1134 US Route 11  
Central Square, NY 13036

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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1. The Oneida River should be restudied by detailed methods due to floodway being over stated and current study not accounting for flow regulated by the dam.

The Town also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the scope of the project:

- There is development near Dry Bridge Creek and Elderberry Creek.
- There was a large culvert replacement on County Route 12 along Caughdenoy Creek in the last 5 or 6 years.
- There is a small privately owned dam on Dykemans Creek near Baum Road.

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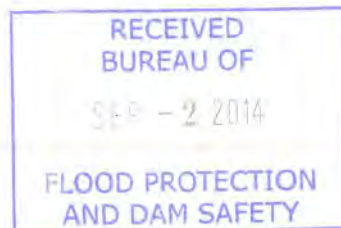


Supervisor  
Town of Hastings

Dated 8/26/14

Cc: **Mark Bombardo, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Hastings**

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Kevin Delaney, DEC Region 7



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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Mr. Urban Hirschey, Supervisory  
1964 NY Route 12E  
Cape Vincent, NY 13618

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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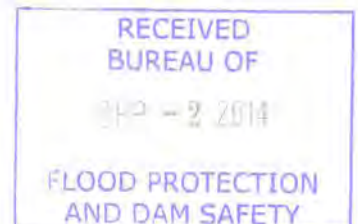
William Nechamen, Chief  
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*Alexander Chesley*  
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Supervisor  
Town of Cape Vincent

Dated 25 August 2014

Cc: Jim Millington, Floodplain Administrator, Town of Cape Vincent

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Carl Quance, DEC Region 6



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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Mr. Edward Hayes, Supervisor  
5727 West Main Street  
Constableville, NY 13325

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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William Nechamen, Chief  
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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Edward J. Lopez*  
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Supervisor  
Town of West Turin

Dated 8-28-14

Cc: Timothy Wiedrick, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of West Turin

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Carl Quance, DEC Region 6

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August 14, 2014

Mr. Terrence Thisse, Supervisor

PO Box 8

Martinsburg, NY, 13404

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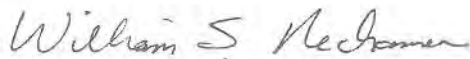
1. Roaring Brook should be studied as a detailed study upstream of Route 12 and a limited detail study downstream of Route 12. The current maps are inaccurate and depict homes that are at a much higher elevation in the floodplain. There is also significant erosion near where the brook crosses Route 29.
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The Town also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

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- There is an unmapped stream that is piped under Gardener Road at the border between Lowville and Martinsburg.
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William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

  
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Supervisor  
Town of Martinsburg

Dated 8/20/14

Cc: Mary Kelley, Town Clerk, Town of Martinsburgh  
Tyler Jones, Highway Superintendent, Town of Martinsburg

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. L. Daniel Carpenter, Supervisor  
9458 Soule Road  
Remsen, NY 13438

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*Harry J.F. Landman*  
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Supervisor  
Town of Steuben

Dated 8-27-14

Harry J.F. Landman  
Town of Steuben, Supervisor  
9458 Soule Road  
Remsen, NY 13438

Cc: Alan Jones, Floodplain Administrator, Town of Steuben

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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Joe Martens  
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August 14, 2014

The Honorable Christian Tertinek, Mayor  
8356 Bay Street  
Sodus Point, NY 14555

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- Lake Ontario should have an updated detailed study due to shoreline changes from erosion of rates up to 1ft/year in various location along the shore line.
- First Creek should have a new detailed study for its length with in the community. The area at the mouth of the creek is the first to flood and the Village may have bathymetry data for this area.

The Town also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

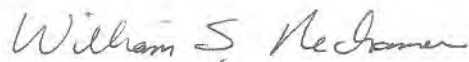
- There was a dredging project completed by the US Coast Guard about 2 years ago between Charles Point and Sodus Point.



- There is erosion occurring along both sides of Sodus Point where mesh/netting is now exposed.
- There will be bathymetry data collected along shore of the bay between the area of South Fitzhugh Street and South Ontario Street.

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Sincerely,



William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



Mayor  
Village of Sodus Point

Dated

8/28/14

Cc: Al Hendrikse, Code Enforcement Officer, Village of Sodus Point  
Maxine Appleby, Planning Board Member, Village of Sodus Point

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8



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Commissioner

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Villages of Scottsville

August 14, 2014

The Honorable Paul Gee, Mayor  
22 Main Street  
PO Box 36  
Scottsville, NY 14546

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mayor Gee:

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1. The Mill Race should have an updated detailed study due to volume decrease in race that is no longer in use.

The Village also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- There may be a study or report for the Black Creek Watershed. Contact Mayor Paul Gee for more information.
- There is seasonal flooding along the Oatka Creek.

- There have been bridge or culvert replacements at the following locations in the Village:  
Scottsville W Henrietta Road, Rochester Street, Main Street, Scott Crescent Drive

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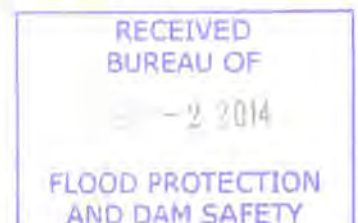
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Mayor  
Village of Scottsville

Dated

8/29/14  
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Cc: Terry Rech, Building Inspector, Village of Scottsville

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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*Thomas Williams, Town Justice*

August 27, 2014

William Nechamen, Chief  
NYSDEC - Floodplain Management Section  
Bureau of Flood Protection, 4th Floor  
625 Broadway  
Albany, New York 12233-3504

RE: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA Risk MAP Program

Dear Mr. Nechamen:

Please find enclosed a signed acknowledgement from the Town of Batavia Supervisor regarding information the Town provided for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope.

Sincerely,



Teresa M. Morasco  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

enc.  
cc: Steven Mountain, Town Engineer



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Joe Martens  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. Gregory Post, Supervisor  
3833 West Main Street Road  
Batavia, NY 14020

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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1. Tonawanda Creek Reach 2 should be a new limited detail study from the corporate limit with Alexander to the corporate limit with the City of Batavia due to new development in this area. The current floodplain extent is too wide and does not take into account the effects of wetland storage.
2. Tonawanda Creek Reach 1 should be an updated detailed study from the western corporate limit of the Town to the western corporate limit of the City due to ice jam related flooding that is not reflected in the effective riverine analysis.
3. Spring Creek should be a new limited detail study due to development in the area.
4. All approximate studies should be updated to new approximate studies due to outdated method and does not reflect an engineering based analysis.

The Town also provided the follow information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

*and/or the confluence of the Coarail bridges produce an inaccurate hydraulic jump.*

- There is USGS LiDAR data for the Town from 2010.
- A structure has been removed along <sup>Tonawanda</sup> Spring Creek near the City/Town corporate limit. This might lower elevations between stations 52,000 and 52,200 on the stream profile.

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Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

  
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Supervisor  
Town of Batavia

Dated 8/27/14

Cc: **Steven Mountain**, Engineer, Town of Batavia  
**Teressa Morasco**, Town Clerk, Town of Batavia

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

Ms. Mary Joyce D'Aurizio, Supervisor  
1280 Titus Ave  
Rochester, NY 14617

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Ms. D'Aurizio:

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- There should be an updated detailed study of Lake Ontario due to change in the shoreline from erosion along Windsor Beach.
- There should be an updated detailed study of Irondequoit Bay. There is a 1.5-2 ft Base Flood Elevation difference from one side of the bay to the other. There is also a need for sand bagging near the Route 104 Bridge during higher lake levels to prevent flooding.



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*William S. Nechamen*

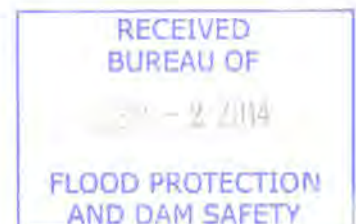
William Nechamen, Chief  
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*Alan J. Bello*  
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Supervisor  
Town of Irondequoit

Dated 8/26/2014

Cc: Patrick Meredith, Highway Superintendent, Town of Irondequoit  
Lawrence Heininger, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Irondequoit

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8



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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Mr. Dale Hunneyman, Supervisor  
PO Box 130  
Alexandria Bay, NY 13607

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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1. Otter Creek should be a new approximate study due to flooding near State Route 12.
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3. Butterfly Lake should be an updated approximate study due to flooding along the lake.
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Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Dale D. Thompson*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor  
Town of Alexandria

Dated 8/26/2014

Cc: Christy Page, Fourth Coast, Town of Alexandria

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Carl Quance, DEC Region 6







Town of Henrietta  
 475 Calkins Road  
 Henrietta, New York 14467  
 Phone: (585) 359-7070  
 Fax: (585) 321-6093

## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Date:	8/29/2014
To:	William Nechamen NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Div. of Water, Bureau of Flood Protection 4th Floor 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-3504
Re:	Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process FEMA RiskMAP Program

We are sending you the following items:

- Shop Drawings   
  Prints   
  Plans   
  Comments   
  Specifications  
 Copy of Letter \_\_\_\_\_

Copies	Date	Type	Description
1	8/29/14		Signed Copy of the Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

These are transmitted to you:

- For Your Use                     
  Returned for Corrections           
  For Your Information  
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  For Your Approval                   
  Submit Copies for Dist.  
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  As You Requested

Remarks:

Dear Mr. Nechamen:

Per your request, attached is the signed copy of the above referenced letter for your use. If you have any questions regarding the attached letter, please contact me at (585) 359-7070.

Copies to:

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*Christopher E. Martin*  
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 Signed



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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

Mr. Jack W. Moore, Supervisor  
475 Calkins Road  
Henrietta, NY 14464

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Moore:

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- 1 • East Stem Middle Branch Red Creek should be an updated detailed study due to LOMAs filed for residential development.
- 2 • Genesee River should have an updated detailed study due to many elevation certificates for an old subdivision. There is also a very wide floodway that may be over stated.
- 3 • There should be an updated study of the West Branch Allen Creek due to culvert replacements along Jefferson Road.





The Town also provided the following information for FEMA to consider when developing the project scope:

- There is flooding along Pinnacle Road, which may be due to the need for ditch maintenance.
- There is a LOMA in the works for the area between East Branch Red Creek and East Stem Middle Branch Red Creek confluence.
- There is a Red Creek Watershed study for the area north of Bailey Road between Miller Road and John Street.
- The low flat area near Commercial Drive floods every 4-5 years. Flooding may be related to needed maintenance.
- There is ongoing commercial development along the East Branch Red Creed off of Hylan Drive.
- ~~There has been a culvert replacement along Castle Road.~~

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Sincerely,



William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

  
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Supervisor  
Town of Henrietta

Dated 8-29-14

Cc: Chris Martin, Director of Engineering and Planning, Town of Henrietta  
Roland Osterwinter, Engineer, Town of Henrietta  
Jeremy Difilippo, GIS Operator, Town of Henrietta

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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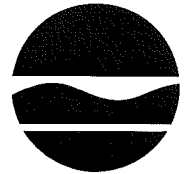
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Joe Martens  
Commissioner

August 14, 2014

The Honorable Joyce Lobene, Mayor  
27 West Avenue  
Spencerport, NY 14559

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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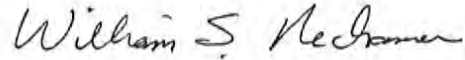
1. The current FEMA FIRMs are accurate for the Village and suit the Village's current needs. There are no new or updated study requests at this time.

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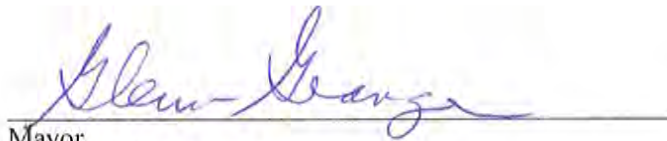
- There is a report or study for the Village conducted by MRB Engineering Group.
- There is flooding along Main Street from the East and West Branches of Northrup Creek due to undersized culverts.

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Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



Mayor  
Village of Spencerport

Dated



Cc: Tom West, Highway Superintendent, Village of Spencerport

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. David Dunning, Supervisor  
3333 Chili Ave  
Rochester, NY 14624

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Dunning:

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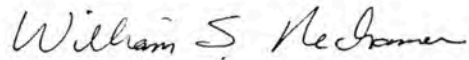
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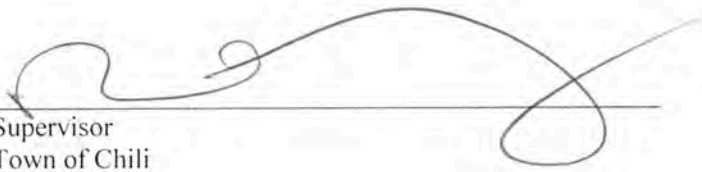
1. Town of Chili feels the current FEMA floodplain maps are accurate for the Town and have no requests for new or updated studies at this time.

If this understanding is correct, then please sign below and return a copy of this letter to my attention by September 2, 2014. If the above noted list of priorities is incorrect, or if you or representatives from your community have questions or comments regarding the Discovery project process, please contact NYSDEC floodplain management staff at 518-402-8185 or email us at [floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us).

Sincerely,



William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



Supervisor  
Town of Chili

Dated 9/17/2014

Cc: David Lindsay, Highway Superintendent, Town of Chili

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
Crystal Smith, FEMA Region II  
Karis Manning, DEC Region 8



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TOWN OF CLAYTON  
SUPERVISOR

August 14, 2014

Mr. Justin Taylor, Supervisor  
405 Riverside Drive  
Clayton, NY 13624

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Taylor:

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1. Chaumont River should be a new detailed study thought the Town of Clayton. The Route 12 Bridge in Depauville is flooded by the river frequently. The main cause of the flooding is ice jams that occur in early spring.



If this understanding is correct, then please sign below and return a copy of this letter to my attention by September 2, 2014. If the above noted list of priorities is incorrect, or if you or representatives from your community have questions or comments regarding the Discovery project process, please contact NYSDEC floodplain management staff at 518-402-8185 or email us at [floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:floodpln@gw.dec.state.ny.us).

Sincerely,

*William S. Nechamen*

William Nechamen, Chief  
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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

*Justin A Taylor*

Supervisor  
Town of Clayton

Dated

*9/17/14*

Cc: Christy Page, Town of Clayton/Fourth Coast

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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September 9, 2014



William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-3504

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process

Dear Mr. Nechamen:

Thank you for participating in a conference call with Jefferson County Planning and Emergency Management staff members on August 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the above-referenced project. As you know, the purpose of the call was to clarify the points summarized in your letter of August 14, 2014 where you outlined flood mapping priorities based on your previous discovery and information gathering activities. The following comments reflect edits or updates that are necessary for the list in the original letter.

As discussed during the call, it was noted that the Community Risk MAP worksheet was previously provided to your consultant for the project. That information has now been sent directly to DEC staff.

As noted by the County's Emergency Management Director, the reference to "repeated flooding" should be edited to reflect occasional flooding along the Black River in the Town of Wilna, Village of Carthage, Village of West Carthage, Town of LeRay, and Village of Dexter. Occasional Black River flooding is also noted along Water Street and Huntington Street in the City of Watertown. During the call, flooding events were also discussed near NYS Route 3 and the County line in the Town of Ellisburg. Lastly, it was noted that Indian River flooding occasionally occurs in the Village of Antwerp.

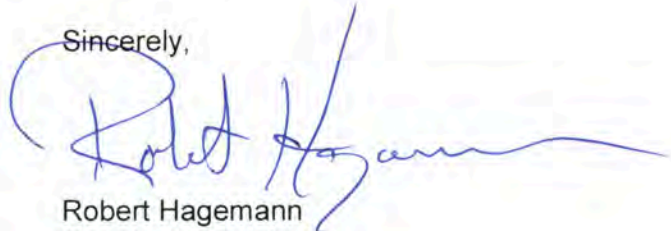
The reference to the County digitizing the 2011 shoreline along Lake Ontario should be deleted.

The last two references in your original letter single out the existence and growth of shoreline and waterfront development in only four communities. Shoreline development is evident in every municipality along Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River (Town of Alexandria, Village of Alexandria Bay, Town of Orleans, Town and Village of Clayton, Town and Village of Cape Vincent, Town of Lyme, Village of Chaumont, Town of Brownville, Town of Hounsfield, Village of Sackets Harbor, Town of Henderson, and Town of Ellisburg).

Lastly, it was noted during the call that a group of municipalities in the central portion of the County are currently forming a coalition to comply with new MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems) regulations as a result of the County's population increase reflected by the 2010 Census.

I hope this information serves as a useful supplement to your August 11<sup>th</sup> letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Hagemann". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Robert Hagemann  
County Administrator

c: Joseph Plummer, Emergency Management  
Donald Canfield, Planning



John Culkin, Supervisor  
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Sept. 24, 2014

Mr. William Nechamen  
Chief, Floodplain Management Section  
NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
Division of Water  
Bureau of Flood Protection and Dam Safety, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
625 Broadway  
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Dear Mr. Nechamen,

Enclosed please find our acknowledgement of the flood mapping priorities and concerns of the Town of Henderson. We apologize for its lateness. As an explanation, not an excuse, for that is our Town underwent significant changes in the Town's government. On January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year the Town of Henderson had a brand new Supervisor, Town Clerk, Board member, Financial Officer and financial software programs. We are finally catching up.

Please consider the issues listed in the enclosed document as still the priorities of the Town of Henderson.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely



John Culkin  
Supervisor

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Joe Martens  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. Raymond Walker, Supervisor  
P.O. Box 259  
Henderson, NY 13650

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

Dear Mr. Walker:

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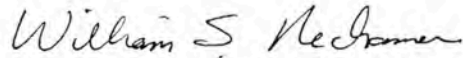
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1. Lake Ontario should be a detailed study with a Base Flood Elevation. Some areas of the shoreline have lower elevations and are highly developed.
2. Rays Bay Road Creek should be a new detailed study from the confluence with Rays Bay to approximately 1 mile upstream. This is an area of repeat flooding
3. Stony Creek should be an updated detailed study from the confluence with Lake Ontario to Henderson Pond. There has been a bridge replacement on State Route 178.
4. In general the maps for the Town are difficult to use for making determinations due to age and scale. Updated digital maps are needed.

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Sincerely,



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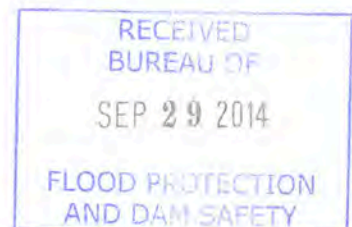
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Supervisor  
Town of Henderson

Dated 9/24/14

Cc: Eric Sheldon, Floodplain Administrator, Town of Henderson

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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August 14, 2014

Mr. Joel Bartlett, Supervisor  
22867 County Route 67  
Watertown, NY 13601

Re: Lake Ontario Watershed Discovery Process/FEMA RiskMAP Program

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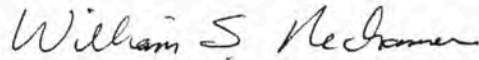
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We regret having missed the opportunity to meet with your community at both the pre-Discovery webinars and the in person Discovery meetings to discuss FEMA's RiskMAP program. The purpose of the meetings was to explain the new mapping process and products, and to review your priorities for areas to be studied for the new maps. Please understand that budget constraints will prevent us from fulfilling all of the requested studies at this time, but every request will be considered, and all unfulfilled requests will be officially cataloged as a stream study need for future remapping projects. These stream study requests will help direct and prioritize FEMA's future mapping activities.

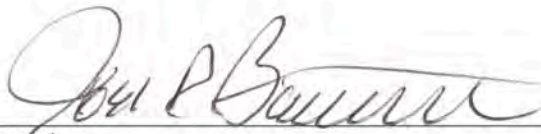
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Sincerely,



William Nechamen, Chief  
Floodplain Management Section  
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation



Supervisor  
Town of Watertown

Dated

9/2/14

Cc: Jon Grant, Floodplain Administrator, Town of Watertown

Ecc: Paul Weberg, FEMA Region II  
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