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The Honorable John Hieftje  
Mayor, City of Ann Arbor  
301 East Huron Street, 3rd Floor  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107

Dear Mayor Hieftje:

I commend you for the efforts that have been put forth in implementing the floodplain management measures for the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As you implement these measures, I want to emphasize the following:

- a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) have been completed for your community;
- the FIS and FIRM will become effective on April 3, 2012; and
- by the FIS and FIRM effective date, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office is required to approve the legally enforceable floodplain management measures your community adopts in accordance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Section 60.3(d).

As noted in FEMA's letter dated October 3, 2011, no significant changes have been made to the flood hazard data on the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM for Washtenaw County. Therefore, the City of Ann Arbor should use the Preliminary and/or revised Preliminary copies of the FIRM as the basis for adopting the required floodplain management measures. Final printed copies of the FIRM for the City of Ann Arbor will be sent to you within the next few months.

If you encounter difficulties in enacting the measures, I recommend you contact the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. You may contact Les Thomas, the NFIP State Coordinator, by telephone at (517) 335-3448, in writing at Post Office Box 30458, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7958, or by electronic mail at [thomasl@michigan.gov](mailto:thomasl@michigan.gov).

The FEMA Regional staff in Chicago, Illinois, is also available to provide technical assistance and guidance in the development of floodplain management measures. The adoption of compliant floodplain management measures will provide protection for the City of Ann Arbor and will ensure its participation in the NFIP. The Regional Office may be contacted by telephone at (312) 408-5500 or in writing. Please send your written inquiries to the Director, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division, FEMA Region V, at 536 South Clark Street, Sixth Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

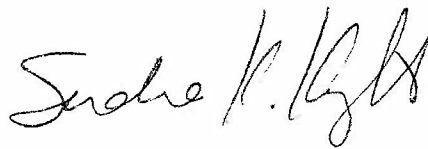
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You may have already contacted the NFIP State Coordinator and/or the FEMA Regional Office, and may be in the final adoption process or recently adopted the appropriate measures. However, in the event your community has not adopted the appropriate measures, this letter is FEMA's official notification that you only have until April 3, 2012, to adopt and/or submit a floodplain management ordinance that meets or exceeds the minimum NFIP requirements, and request approval from the FEMA Regional Office by the effective date. Your community's adopted measures will be reviewed upon receipt and the FEMA Regional Office will notify you when the measures are approved.

I appreciate your cooperation to ensure that your community's floodplain management measures are approved by the FEMA Regional Office by April 3, 2012. Your compliance with these mandatory program requirements will enable your community to avoid suspension from the NFIP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sandra K. Knight". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sandra" being the most prominent.

Sandra K. Knight, PhD, PE  
Deputy Associate Administrator for Mitigation

cc: Andrew Velasquez, III, Regional Administrator, FEMA Region V  
Les Thomas, NFIP State Coordinator, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
Jerry Hancock, Floodplain Administrator/Floodplain Coordinator, City of Ann Arbor