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August 17, 2018

Mr. Dan Swindle  
Village President,  
Village of Estral Beach  
7194 Lakeview Boulevard  
Newport, Michigan 48166

IN REPLY REFER TO: Notice for CCO meeting  
and Open House  
Community Name: Village of Estral Beach  
Monroe County, Michigan  
Community No.: 260261

Dear Mr. Swindle,

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently provided your office with copy of the *Preliminary* Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and associated Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report. These documents were produced in association with coastal flood analyses conducted for the Lake Erie shoreline in Monroe County. This letter gives notice of our scheduling of a Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) meeting to review these maps, discuss an upcoming appeals and comments process, and overview issues to consider for local ordinance update and map adoption under the regulatory structure of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

FEMA has also scheduled an open house for public involvement immediately following the CCO meeting. The open house is intended to engage the larger community and provide a venue for our team to address questions. Scheduling details for this event are provided in paragraphs below. We encourage you to promote the open house at community board meetings and other community-sponsored events, on your web site, and via social media. Digital files of the *Preliminary* FIRM and FIS report can be downloaded from the following website: [www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata](http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata). Paper copy of these documents were also mailed to community officials. Please help us promote the public Open House with the information listed below:

**Community Officials - FEMA CCO Meeting:** This meeting should be attended by elected officials, community staff and officials, and community consultants.

Monroe County - FEMA Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) meeting  
September 19, 2018 | 2:00pm-4:00pm  
Michigan State University Monroe County Extension Services  
963 S. Raisinville Road | Monroe, MI 48161

Our agenda for the CCO meeting includes a formal presentation with time for questions and answers and a breakout session for one-on-one discussion with members of our map-production team. We will briefly explain flood zone designations, discuss the mapping process, review a rough timing for the appeals process, and step through concepts for how these maps will be utilized under the NFIP. Participation in the NFIP stipulates that your community adopt the new flood risk data into your local flood protection regulations by the time the new FIRM goes into effect. This data should also inform community planning processes and outreach efforts for better resiliency in response to flood and storm events.

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**Public Open House:** The Flood Map Information Open House will be held following the CCO meeting and short break. We will remain set up at the same location with hard copy maps and laptop workstations. Please help us promote this public event with the information listed below:

Monroe County - FEMA Open House meeting  
September 19, 2018 | 5:00pm-7:00pm  
Michigan State University Monroe County Extension Services  
963 S. Raisinville Road | Monroe, MI 48161

The open house is a means to begin dialogue regarding the *Preliminary* FIRM and meet with residents in a one-on-one environment. FEMA is interested in talking directly to property owners, realtors, insurance agents, surveyors, developers, and representatives of lending institutions. The FEMA team will be available to explain site-specific questions for the new map and provide information on NFIP flood protection standards and flood insurance. We will have a number of factsheets on hand for participants.

Again, FEMA requests your help in getting the word out about the public open house. Enclosed is a sample news release that you may use as an example to publicize the event.

Questions specifically related to the *Preliminary* FIRMs or FIS should be directed to Todd Saurer of our contract production team. Mr. Saurer can be reached at (614) 844-4003, or by e-mail at [todd.saurer@stantec.com](mailto:todd.saurer@stantec.com). All other questions should be referred to Ken Hinterlong of my staff. Mr. Hinterlong can be reached by phone at (312) 408-5229, or send e-mail to [ken.hinterlong@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:ken.hinterlong@fema.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,



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cc: Matthew Warner, Coastal Zone Management Program, Office of the Great Lakes, MDNR  
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Patrick Durack, District Engineer, SE Michigan Field Office, Water Resources Division, MDEQ  
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# Press Release

## **Monroe County Residents Invited to Attend Flood Map Information Open House**

*Members of the public can drop in to review new preliminary floodplain maps and learn about flood risks in their community.*

Monroe, MICHIGAN – Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a Flood Map Information Open House for Monroe County on September 19. The Open House will provide county residents with an opportunity to review a recently completed preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and its accompanying preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

The FIS and the FIRMs provide base flood (also known as the one percent annual chance event) information, designate areas that are subject to significant flood hazards within the county, and offer information that public officials may use when permitting development in the floodplain.

The Open House will be staffed with representatives from various local, state, and federal agencies who will provide the most current information about flood risk, flood insurance, floodplain development regulations, and the process for floodplain mapping within Monroe County. The newly prepared preliminary floodplain maps will be on display. Once the maps become effective they will be used as the basis for flood insurance as well as local flood protection regulations adopted under the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA also intends that they be used to assist planning processes and outreach efforts for better resiliency in response to flood and storm events. Details for the Monroe County meeting are as follow:

WHAT: Monroe County Flood Map Information Open House  
WHEN: September 19, 2018 from 5:00-7:00pm  
WHERE: Michigan State University Monroe County Extension Services  
963 S. Raisinville Road  
Monroe, MI 48161

Property owners, realtors, lenders, and insurance agents are urged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation within their community. Digital files of the Preliminary FIRMs and FIS report can be downloaded at [www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata](http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata). For more information, contact Mark Peterson, FEMA's Director of External Affairs at (312) 408-4469.

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