July 17, 2018

Jeremy Owens

Chair, Board of Selectmen

Town of Chester

84 Chester St.

Chester, NH 03036

Dear Mr. Owens:

On May 6, 2016, Discovery Meetings were held at the Kingston Town Hall, Kingston, NH (AM) and the New Durham Fire Department, New Durham, NH (PM) to introduce the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA’s) Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (Risk MAP) Program mapping project in the inland communities in the Piscataqua/Salmon Falls Basin. During this meeting, we stated that FEMA and our mapping contractor, the University of New Hampshire, would return to discuss the new coastal flood hazard analysis results and preliminary flood hazard mapping once work maps had been developed.

For your convenience, we have scheduled a Flood Risk Review meeting (also known as the work map meeting) for your community to review your work maps at the **Elliott Alumni Center, 9 Edgewood Road, University of New Hampshire, Durham, on Tuesday, August 21, 2018.** Directions to the Center are enclosed with this letter. Reserved parking will be available in lot D, which is adjacent to the Center. Please plan to pick up a permit at the front desk of the Center when you arrive.

The time slot for your community to discuss the work maps is shown below:

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| **Communities** | **From** | **To** |
| Town of Lee, Town of Barrington, City of Somersworth | 9:00 AM | 10:00 AM |
| Town of Farmington, City of Rochester, Town of Strafford | 10:00 AM | 11:00 AM |
| Town of New Durham, Town of Middleton, Town of Milton | 11:00 AM | 12:00 PM |
| Town of Kingston, Town of East Kingston, Town of Kensington, Town of South Hampton | 12:00 PM | 1:00 PM |
| Town of Candia, Town of Raymond, Town of Deerfield | 1:00 PM | 2:00 PM |
| Town of Chester, Town of Sandown, Town of Fremont | 2:00 PM | 3:00 PM |
| Town of Danville, Town of Hampstead, Town of Derry, Town of Brentwood | 3:00 PM | 4:00 PM |
| Town of Northwood, Town of Nottingham, Town of Epping | 4:00 PM | 5:00 PM |

You are encouraged to come and discuss with the project team the updated map panels. You are also welcome to extend this invitation to others in your community who may be interested in participating in the discussion.

Please RSVP to UNH’s Project Manager, Fay Rubin, by email at fay.rubin@unh.edu or by telephone at (603) 862-4240 to confirm your participation. Please also contact Fay if your community cannot make this assigned time slot to review the work maps.

Sincerely,

Kerry Bogdan

Risk Analysis Branch Chief

Mitigation Division

FEMA Region I

Enclosures: Directions to Elliott Alumni Center, University of New Hampshire

cc: Myrick Bunker, Building Inspector, Town of Chester

 Brian Sullivan, Chair, Planning Board, Town of Chester

Sylvia von Aulock, Executive Director, Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (w/o enclosure)

Whitney Welch, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management

(w/o enclosure)

Jennifer Gilbert, CFM, State NFIP Coordinator, New Hampshire Office of Strategic Initiatives

 (w/o enclosure)

 John Grace, CFM, Civil Engineer, FEMA Region I (w/o enclosure)

 Alex Sirotek, Regional Service Center (w/o enclosure)

Fay Rubin, Project Manager, University of New Hampshire (w/o enclosure)