Fw: Johnston DPW Flood Certificate

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See the attachment.
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You may be interested in this.

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Matt and Stacy (and Anna) –

According to information from Lorri Caruso, the first step in a FEMA flood map "map modification" is to prepare an Elevation Certificate. A local surveyor will survey this elevation(s) for the DPW next week. Once we find out our elevation, compared to the 80 flood level, we can go forward or not with the LOMA. See http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/fmc_loma.shtm. We'll keep you in the loop when we get the surveyed elevations. - Pam

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FEMA Risk Mapping Meeting.pdf

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November 17, 2011

Vincent Barrari, Jr.
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Johnston, RI 02919

Dear Vincent Barrari, Jr.,

I am writing about the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) upcoming Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (Risk MAP) Discovery Meetings for Narragansett Bay Watershed. Rivers to be discussed in the Narragansett Bay Watershed include the Taunton and Tenmile Rivers and tributaries in Massachusetts and the Moshassuck, Pawtuxet, Providence, and Woonasquatucket Rivers and tributaries in Rhode Island. These specific areas are highlighted in the attached figure. These areas have been identified as "priority 1" based on the age and quality of the existing data and an analysis done comparing existing studies to data collected from the spring 2010 flooding. Communities that have areas currently identified as "priority 1" areas and communities that do not have "priority 1" areas are both asked to attend to aid in the evaluation of the priority 1 areas. Risk MAP is a new FEMA program that helps communities identify, assess, and reduce their flood risk. By combining quality engineering with updated flood hazard data, FEMA provides accurate and easy-to-use information to enhance local mitigation plans, improve community outreach, and increase local awareness to flood hazards. This work is being performed by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) in partnership with FEMA.

Please note that your community has one or more Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) panel will be revised based on current planned work. This is based on the floodplains for the "priority 1" areas contacting part of your community.

The Discovery process commences at the beginning of a Risk MAP project and assists in identifying the scope of the watershed study. The Discovery Meetings are part of the Discovery process and the information exchanged between FEMA and communities within the Narragansett Bay Watershed during Discovery will improve our understanding of your watershed's flood hazard mapping and mitigation planning. Attached is a Community Information sheet which lists data and comments that we have collected from you during previous mapping efforts. During Discovery, FEMA:

- Gathers information about local flood risk and flood hazards. Please see attached the list of data we hope to gather from you.
- Reviews mitigation plans to understand local mitigation capabilities, hazard risk assessments, and current or future mitigation activities.

Discovery Meeting Details

Two Discovery Meetings will be scheduled for the Narragansett Bay Watershed. You are welcome to attend any of the two meetings. Please note that the same information will be presented at the two meetings. The following are the place and time for these meetings:

- Tuesday December 6th at 10:00 AM: City Hall Council Chambers, City of Taunton, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA 02780

Towns listed below are touched or crossed by river reaches and/or floodplains that have been identified as priority 1 studies for new DFIRMs.

Some DFIRM panels for these towns will need to be redone as part of the USGS projects for FEMA.

Town	County	State	River(s) or Brook(s)
Attleboro	Bristol	MA	Sevenmile, Tenmile
Berkley	Bristol	MA	Taunton
Bridgewater	Plymouth	MA	Taunton
Coventry	Kent	RI	North Branch Pawtuxet, South Branch Pawtuxet
Cranston	Providence	RI	Furnace Hill, Meshanticut, Pawtuxet, Pocasset
Dighton	Bristol	MA	Taunton
East Providence	Providence	RI	Tenmile
Foxborough	Norfolk	MA	Wading
Halifax	Plymouth	MA	Taunton
Johnston	Providence	RI	Pocasset, Woonasquatucket
Lincoln	Providence	RI	Moshassuck
Mansfield	Bristol	MA	Wading
Middleborough	Plymouth	MA	Taunton
North Attleborough	Bristol	MA	Sevenmile, Tenmile
North Providence	Providence	RI	Moshassuck, Woonasquatucket, Centerdale, Cranberry, West, East Branch West, Lincoln Downs, Upper Canada Pond
Norton	Bristol	MA	Wading
Pawtucket	Providence	RI	Moshassuck, Sevenmile, Tenmile
Plainville	Norfolk	MA	Tenmile
Providence	Providence	RI	Woonasquatucket, West, Upper Canada Pond, Moshassuck, Providence
Raynham	Bristol	MA	Taunton
Scituate	Providence	RI	North Branch Pawtuxet
Seekonk	Bristol	MA	Tenmile
Smithfield	Providence	RI	Woonasquatucket
Taunton	Bristol	MA	Taunton
Warwick	Kent	RI	Meshanticut, Pawtuxet, Pocasset
West Warwick	Kent	RI	North Branch Pawtuxet, South Branch Pawtuxet, Pawtuxet

Towns listed below are not touched or crossed by river reaches that have been identified as priority 1 studies for new DFIRMs, but are in the Narragansett Bay HUC-8 watershed.

No DFIRM panels for these towns will need to be redone as part of the USGS projects for FEMA.

Town	County	State	River(s) or Brook(s)
Abington	Plymouth	MA	n/a
Avon	Norfolk	MA	n/a
Barrington	Bristol	RI	n/a
Bristol	Bristol	RI	n/a
Brockton	Plymouth	MA	n/a
Carver	Plymouth	MA	n/a
East Bridgewater	Plymouth	MA	n/a
East Greenwich	Kent	RI	n/a
Easton	Bristol	MA	n/a
Exeter	Washington	RI	n/a
Fall River	Bristol	MA	n/a
Foster	Providence	RI	n/a
Freetown	Bristol	MA	n/a
Glocester	Providence	RI	n/a
Hanson	Plymouth	MA	n/a
Holbrook	Norfolk	MA	n/a

FEMA

Project Name:	*Narragansett Bay Watershed*
Meeting:	*Narragansett Bay Watershed Discovery Meeting*
Date and Time:	• *December 6th at 10:00 AM: City Hall Council Chambers, City of Taunton, 141 Oak Street, Taunton, MA* • *December 20th at 10:00 AM: Administrative Building Conference Room, Warwick Sewer Authority, 125 Arthur W. Devine Boulevard, Warwick, RI*

DRAFT Discovery Meeting Agenda

Introductions (10 minutes)
- Communities
- State and other Federal agencies
- Associations
- FEMA Project Team, including roles and responsibilities

RiskMAP and the Discovery Process (Gardner Bent and Greg Stewart, U.S. Geological Survey - 15 minutes)
- To provide an overview of Risk MAP and Risk MAP products/support
- To explain the role of Discovery
- To present known and best available data and discuss additional data that may be useful

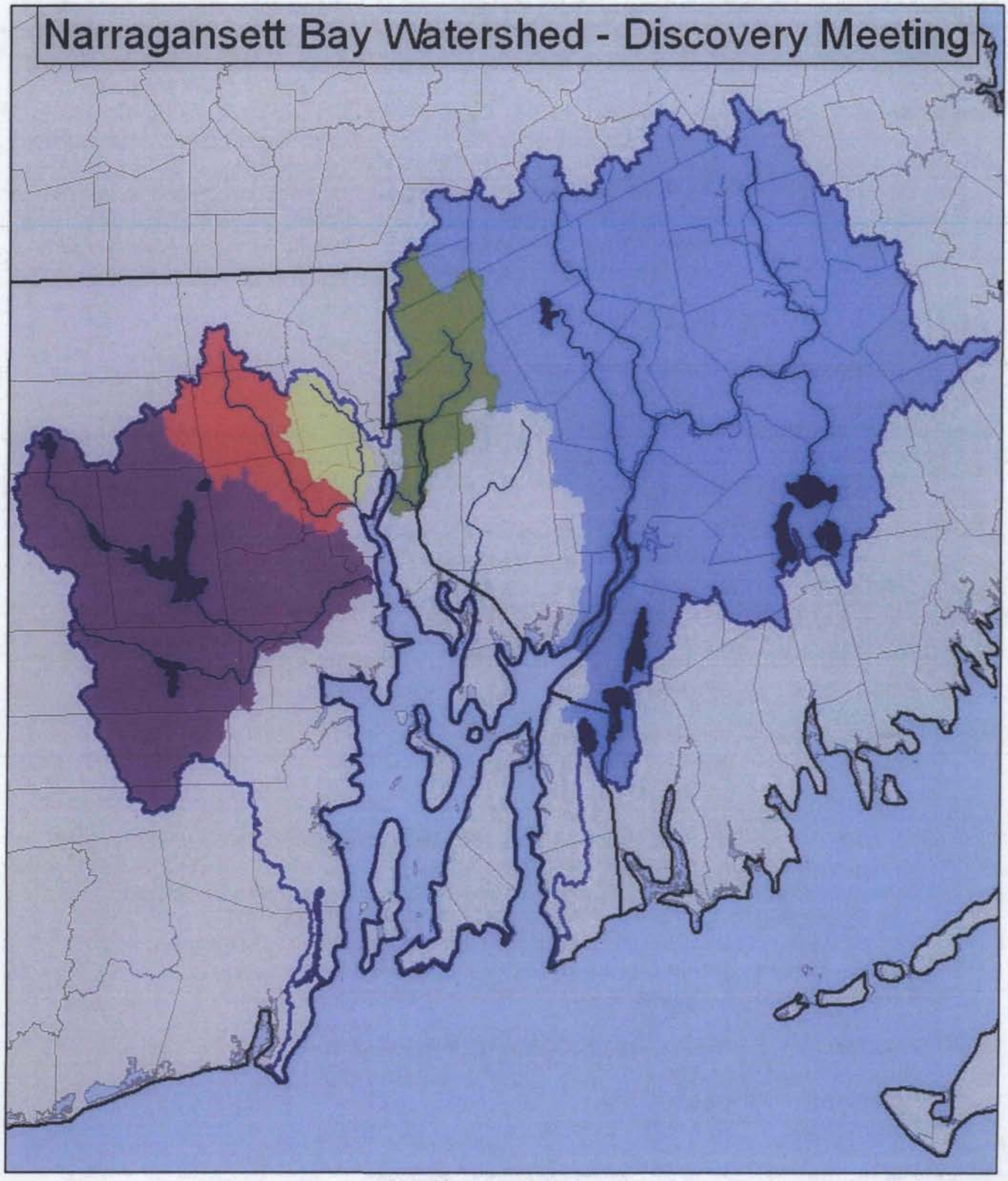
Present Flood Risk Data (Gardner Bent and Greg Stewart, U.S. Geological Survey - 15 minutes)
- Present evaluation of data using Discovery Map to illustrate study areas

Mitigation Planning (Marilyn Hilliard, FEMA – 10 minutes)
- Gather feedback on mitigation planning status, needs and resources

Communication (Laura Keating, RSC - 10 minutes)
- Discuss the importance of regular communication, data sharing, and feedback between FEMA and the communities
- Discuss coordination with and related resources available from other Federal Agencies, State agencies, and associations
- Highlight the role of each community in keeping their communities informed of their flood risk, steps they can take to protect themselves and their property, and study progress
- Describe the communication tools available to help communities communicate about risk

Wrap-Up (Gardner Bent and Greg Stewart, U.S. Geological Survey - 10 minutes)
- Discuss next steps (project timeline)
- Present points-of contact for questions
- Review meeting outcomes and action Items

Optional Breakout Session: Discuss Risk and Solutions on a Community and Watershed Basis (30 minutes)
- Discuss areas of concern individually
- Discuss local flood risk



Data Request

Most Current Data from your Community
Coordinated Needs Management Strategy (CNMS) information
Community Assistance Visit (CAV)/Community Assistance Contact (CAC)
Community Rating System (CRS) status
Disaster High Water Marks (HWM)
Existing dams and/or levees
Mid-term Levee Inventory (MLI)
Individual Assistance (IA)/Public Assistance (PA) information
Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program grants received
Letters of Map Change (LOMCs)
Flood claims and policies
Available topographic data (better than 2ft)
Average Annualized Loss (AAL) data
Gage data
Structure information
Information obtained from researching other Federal agencies, non-profit organizations, and other sources such as universities
Through Consultation with your Community
New construction of culverts and bridges
New levees or levees not shown on map
Areas of recent development
Development plans
Ongoing or future topographic acquisition efforts
Community plans to alleviate flooding
Political issues between communities that may affect watershed studies
Existing or potential Endangered Species Act issues
Structure information
Hazard mitigation plans
Structural and flooding issues not represented on effective NFIP maps
Risk input data
Information from dam Emergency Action Plans
Field data
Building footprints
Local communication capabilities and needs

Highlighted data is requested from your community