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Mr. Stephen A. Rapson, CPA
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Dear Mr. Rapson:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the results of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) field verification findings based on your 5-year cycle application. I am pleased to inform you the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has determined that your community will retain its current rating as a CRS Class 6 community in the NFIP CRS.

The floodplain management activities implemented by your community will continue to qualify flood insurance policy holders in your community for a 20 percent discount in the premium costs for NFIP policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas. I am enclosing the field verification report based on your 5-year cycle application for your records. This savings is a tangible result of the flood mitigation activities your community implements to protect lives and reduce property damage.

Please note that Preferred Risk Policies, applicable in Zones B, C, and X on your community's NFIP Flood Insurance Rate Map, are not eligible for the CRS discount. Standard rated flood insurance policies in Zones B, C, X, D, AR, and A99 are limited to a CRS discount of 10 percent in CRS Class 1–6 communities and 5 percent in CRS Class 7–9 communities. The rates for these zones already reflect significant premium reductions.

If your community remains in compliance with NFIP floodplain management regulations, the CRS rating for your community will automatically be renewed annually and a notification letter will not be sent to your community. This renewal will occur as long as your community continues to implement the CRS activities you certify each October. If no additional modifications or new CRS activities are added, the next verification visit for your community will be in accordance with its established 5-year cycle. FEMA will periodically send the *NFIP/CRS Update* newsletter and other notices to your CRS Coordinator.

I commend you on your community's actions and your determination to lead your community to be more disaster resistant. This commitment enhances public safety, protects property, preserves the natural functions of floodplains, and reduces flood insurance premiums.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the FEMA Region IV Office, CRS Coordinator, Janice Mitchell, by telephone at (770) 220 – 5441.

Sincerely,

David L. Miller
Associate Administrator
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Enclosure

cc: Vanessa Birrell, Director of Stormwater Management



COMMUNITY
RATING
SYSTEM

VERIFICATION
REPORT

Fayette County, GA

Verified Class 6

NFIP Number: 130432

Cycle

Date of Verification Visit: October 15, 2013

This Verification Report is provided to explain the recommendations of Insurance Services Office, Inc. (ISO) to DHS/FEMA concerning credits under the Community Rating System (CRS) for the above named community.

A total of 2029 credit points are verified which results in a recommendation that the community remain classified as a CRS Class 6. The community has met the Class 6 prerequisite with a Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) Classification of 3/3. The following is a summary of our findings with the total CRS credit points for each activity listed in parenthesis:

Activity 310 – Elevation Certificates: The Environmental Management Department maintains elevation certificates for new and substantially improved buildings. Copies of elevation certificates are made available upon request. (38 points)

Activity 320 – Map Information Service: Credit is provided for furnishing inquirers with basic flood zone information from the community's latest Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). Credit is also provided for the community furnishing additional FIRM information, flood depth data, and historical flood information. The service is publicized annually and records are maintained. (90 points)

Activity 330 – Outreach Projects: Credit is provided for informational outreach brochure in office kiosk and a targeted repetitive loss outreach project. These projects are disseminated annually. (32 points)

Activity 340 – Hazard Disclosure: Credit is provided for state and community regulations requiring disclosure of flood hazards. (15 points)

Activity 350 – Flood Protection Information: Documents relating to floodplain management are available in the reference section of the Fayette County Public Library. Credit is also provided for floodplain information displayed on the community's website. (59 points)

Activity 410 – Floodplain Mapping: Credit is provided for conducting and adopting flood studies for areas not included on the flood insurance rate maps and that exceed minimum mapping standards. Credit is also provided for a cooperating technical partnership agreement with FEMA. (16 points)

Activity 420 – Open Space Preservation: Credit is provided for preserving approximately 46 percent of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as open space. Credit is also provided for regulations and incentives that minimize development in the SFHA. (840 points)

Activity 430 – Higher Regulatory Standards: Credit is provided for enforcing regulations that require development limitations, freeboard for new and substantial improvement construction, cumulative substantial improvement, and local drainage protection. Credit is also provided for the enforcement of building codes, a BCEGS Classification of 3/3, other higher standards, and regulations administration. (360 points)

Activity 440 – Flood Data Maintenance: Credit is provided for maintaining and using digitized maps in the day to day management of the floodplain. Credit is also provided for maintaining copies of all previous FIRMs and Flood Insurance Study Reports. (154 points)

Activity 450 – Stormwater Management: The community enforces regulations for stormwater management, soil and erosion control, and water quality. (247 points)

Section 502 – Repetitive Loss Category: Based on the updates made to the NFIP Report of Repetitive Losses as of December 31, 2011, Fayette County has 1 repetitive loss property and is a Category B community for CRS purposes. All requirements for a Category B community have been met. (No credit points are applicable to this section)

Activity 510 – Floodplain Management Planning: Credit is provided for the adoption and implementation of the Fayette County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. A progress report must be submitted on an annual basis. An update to the credited plan will be due by October 1, 2015. (129 points)

Activity 520 – Acquisition and Relocation: Credit is provided for acquiring and removing 1 building from the community's regulatory floodplain. (19 points)

Activity 630 – Dams: Credit is provided for a State Dam Safety Program. (30 points)

Activity 710 – County Growth Adjustment: All credit in the 400 series is multiplied by the growth rate of the county to account for growth pressures. The growth rate for Fayette County, GA is 1.09.

Attached is the Community Calculations Worksheet that lists the verified credit points for the Community Rating System.

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Date Report Prepared: March 21, 2014

Community : Fayette County, GA

NFIP Number : 130432

720 COMMUNITY CREDIT CALCULATIONS (Cycle):

CALCULATION SECTION :

Verified Activity Calculations:				Credit
c310	<u>38</u>			<u>38</u>
c320	<u>90</u>			<u>90</u>
c330	<u>32</u>			<u>32</u>
c340	<u>15</u>			<u>15</u>
c350	<u>59</u>			<u>59</u>
c360				
C370				
c410	<u>15</u>	x CGA	<u>1.09</u> =	<u>16</u>
c420	<u>771</u>	x CGA	<u>1.09</u> =	<u>840</u>
c430	<u>330</u>	x CGA	<u>1.09</u> =	<u>360</u>
c440	<u>141</u>	x CGA	<u>1.09</u> =	<u>154</u>
c450	<u>227</u>	x CGA	<u>1.09</u> =	<u>247</u>
c510	<u>129</u>			<u>129</u>
c520	<u>19</u>			<u>19</u>
c530				
c540				
c610				
c620				
c630	<u>30</u>			<u>30</u>

Community Classification Calculation:

cT = total of above cT = 2029
Community Classification (from Table 110-1): Class = 6

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