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Michael R. Sturm, Administrator

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Bryan Barnett, Mayor
City of Rochester Hills
1000 Rochester Hills Dr
Rochester Hills MI 48309

Subject: Oakland County Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption

Dear Mayor Barnett:

Hazard mitigation planning is a collaborative county-wide process where hazards affecting the community are identified, vulnerability to the hazards are ascertained and consensus is reached on how to minimize or eliminate the effects of these hazards. Oakland County prepared a comprehensive Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) in 2005 based upon the valuable input and data received from the direct participation of our Cities, Villages and Townships (CVTs). The HMP identifies goals and objectives based upon the identified hazard analysis, action steps to achieve the goals and objectives as well as each community's identified mitigation strategies. The lengthy planning process included local meetings, community input, hazard history, hazard assessment, identification of critical assets, community strategies, and the development of a county-wide evaluation and action plan. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners adopted the County HMP on February 17, 2005 and has since been approved by FEMA.

This multi-jurisdictional HMP allows jurisdictions to become eligible for Federal Hazard Mitigation Project Grants as authorized under Section 404 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Eligibility for these federal grants requires jurisdictions to have participated in the development of the HMP, be committed to the mitigation actions contained within the plan and formally adopting the County HMP as representing their community's needs.

To date we have not received documentation that you have adopted the county plan. Local adoption of the HMP is a requirement for application for FEMA mitigation grant funding. As such, we urge you to adopt a local resolution accepting the HMP for your community. FEMA provides direct grants to states and local governments for planning and implementation of the identified long-term HMP measures. All identified CVT hazards were included in the County HMP thereby allowing mitigation grant opportunities for each of the sixty one Oakland County CVTs.

I have enclosed a PDF version of the Oakland County HMP inclusive of your community's section as well as a sample resolution for your review. The Oakland County Emergency Response and Preparedness staff is available upon request to attend your board / council meetings in support of this effort.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms Gail Novak, at 248-858-5300.

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cc: Oakland County Commissioners