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March 12, 2018

**\*\*\*Notice to Residents\*\*\***

**Re: Notice to Owners of Superstorm Sandy "Substantially Damaged" Structures / Notice of Determination Letters**

Dear Resident:

This letter is being sent to all owners of Superstorm Sandy "Substantially Damaged" structures before the October 2018 mitigation deadline occurs. According to FEMA all homes that received a Substantially Damaged Notice are asked to mitigate (elevate or demolish and rebuild) by the fall of 2018. Please see the attached letter from FEMA instructing our community to inform you about this deadline.

FEMA's Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) offers a grant program that occurs every year. This grant program provides funding to States and Communities to assist in their efforts to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to their building by either raising the structure or demolish and rebuild. FEMA may contribute up to 75 percent of the total eligible cost of the project, which means you would be responsible for 25 percent of the total eligible cost of raising or demolish and rebuild your home. More information on these grants can be obtained at [www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-grant-program](http://www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-grant-program).

We would like to see if you are eligible for this grant program by sending to our office the following information so that we may begin the application process:

- Copy of your elevation certificate;
- Copy of your insurance policy; and
- A cost estimate to elevate or demo and rebuild your home.

The cost estimate needs to include;

1. Cost of Elevation in detail (materials, labor and associated costs)
2. Anticipated environmental resource mediation costs
3. Engineering Design Costs and Architectural Costs
4. Soils Analysis Cost
5. Survey Cost
6. Permitting Cost
7. Site Preparation Cost
8. Material Disposal Cost

We do not know when FEMA will make available the 2018 FMA Grants, however we would like to get your information from you by April 1, 2018 so that we can start the application process and be ready to apply once the funding has become available to us. Please understand the Township cannot guarantee you will be deemed eligible, but is offering its services to assist you as best it can.

In addition to the FMA Grant program, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) provides Increase Cost of Compliance (ICC) coverage to up to \$30,000 towards the cost of elevating or demolish and rebuild. The NFIP granted an additional 2 years to complete the approved ICC Mitigation measures. This means ICC funding is still available up to October 2018. Please contact your insurance carrier for more information or log onto [www.fema.gov/increased-cost-compliance-coverage](http://www.fema.gov/increased-cost-compliance-coverage).

The above information has been provided to you to assist in reducing your flood insurance rates and to bring your structure into compliance with the Berkeley Township Ordinances and FEMA regulations. Should you have any questions with regard to the information provided, please contact me at Remington & Vernick Engineers, 732-286-9220, or at [jamison.zimmerman@rve.com](mailto:jamison.zimmerman@rve.com).

Very truly yours,



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Township Floodplain Mitigation Officer

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April 5, 2017

Subject: October 2018 NFIP Mitigation Deadline  
Sandy Substantially Damaged Structures

Honorable Mayor:

This letter is being sent to recommend that your community pro-actively communicate with the owners of Superstorm Sandy "substantially damaged" structures in advance of the October 2018 mitigation deadline. In this case, substantial damage structures are those structures that were officially identified by the Local Floodplain Administrator by the issuance of a Sandy Substantial Damage letter.

Your Local Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance contains minimum NFIP requirements that apply not only to new structures, but also to existing structures which are "substantially improved (SI)" or "substantially damaged (SD)." Enforcing the SI/SD requirements is a very important part of a community's floodplain management responsibilities under the NFIP. Local Floodplain Administrators in communities that participate in the NFIP must determine whether proposed work qualifies as a substantial improvement or repair of substantial damage. If work on buildings constitutes SI/SD, then structures must be brought into compliance with current NFIP requirements for new construction, including the requirement that lowest floors be elevated to or above the design flood elevation (DFE). Meeting this requirement can also be accomplished by demolition followed by construction of new buildings that meet the NFIP requirements on the same sites or by relocating buildings to locations outside of the SFHA.

Homeowners of some of these properties may have even been issued a temporary Certificate of Occupancy (CO) to live in these structures for up to 6 years before needing to fully mitigate if they could take the necessary temporary measures to make their homes habitable. The determination of habitability was to be made by the Local Construction Code Official. Additional information on this and the mitigation deadline can be obtained in the NJDCA Construction Code Communicator at [http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/publications/pdf\\_ccc/CCC\\_2015\\_Summer.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/publications/pdf_ccc/CCC_2015_Summer.pdf).

In addition, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) provides Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) coverage to pay up to \$30,000 towards the cost of compliance with State and local floodplain ordinances. The NFIP granted an additional 2 years to complete the approved ICC mitigation measures for all losses occurring on or after January, 1 2011. This means NFIP policyholders will now have six years from the date of the loss to complete the approved ICC mitigation measures. The FEMA letter extending the current four-year time limit for completing ICC related work to a six-year time limit is also contained in the link provided above.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Joseph Ruggeri, P.E., CFM of the NJDEP at [joseph.ruggeri@dep.nj.gov](mailto:joseph.ruggeri@dep.nj.gov) or Patricia Griggs of FEMA at [patricia.griggs@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:patricia.griggs@fema.dhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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