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October 25, 2002

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Michael Kerstynick
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of
Washington Township
120 Barto Road
P.O.Box 52
Barto, Pennsylvania 19504

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Case Number:	**02-03-147P**
Community Name:	Township of Washington, Berks County, Pennsylvania
Community Number:	421383
Effective Date of this Revision:	**November 25, 2002**

Dear Mr. Kerstynick:

The Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community has been revised by this Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). Please use the enclosed annotated map panel(s) revised by this LOMR for floodplain management purposes and for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued in your community.

Additional documents are enclosed which provide information regarding this LOMR. Please see the List of Enclosures below to determine which documents are included. Other attachments specific to this request may be included as referenced in the Determination Document. If you have any questions regarding floodplain management regulations for your community or the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in general, please contact the Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) for your community. If you have any technical questions regarding this LOMR, please contact Jon Janowicz, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division at (215) 931-5524, or the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP). Additional information about the NFIP is available on our web site at http://www.fema.gov/nfip.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Gunter, Director
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division

List of Enclosures:

Letter of Map Revision Determination Document
Annotated Flood Insurance Rate Map
List of Current Flood Insurance Study Data

cc: Mr. Ross Wolford, LTL Consultants
Mr. Keith S. Endy, Aston Surveyors/Engineers, Inc.

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LETTER OF MAP REVISION DETERMINATION DOCUMENT

COMMUNITY AND REVISION INFORMATION		PROJECT DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF REQUEST
COMMUNITY	TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA	NO PROJECT	HYDROLOGIC ANALYSIS HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS NEW TOPOGRAPHIC DATA
	COMMUNITY NO.: 421383		
IDENTIFIER	Ray Fisher Tract	APPROXIMATE LATITUDE & LONGITUDE: 40.415, -75.617 SOURCE: PRECISION MAPPING STREETS 4.0 DATUM: NAD 83	

FLOODING SOURCE(S) & REVISED REACH(ES)	WEST BRANCH PERKIOMEN CREEK - from a point approximately 100 feet downstream of LR 06014 to a point approximately 1,600 feet upstream of LR 06014

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

Effective Flooding: Zone A
Revised Flooding: Zone A
Increases: YES
Decreases: YES

* BFEs – Base Flood Elevations

ANNOTATED MAPPING ENCLOSURES	ANNOTATED FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY (FIS) ENCLOSURES
TYPE: FIRM* NO: 42011C0436E Date: December 05, 1997	NO REVISION TO THE FIS REPORT

* FIRM - Flood Insurance Rate Map; ** FBFM - Flood Boundary Floodway Map; *** FHBM - Flood Hazard Boundary Map

DETERMINATION

This document provides the determination from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding a request for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the area described above. Using the information submitted, we have determined that a revision to the flood hazards depicted in the Flood Insurance Study and/or National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map is warranted. This document revises the effective NFIP map, as indicated in the attached documentation. Please use the enclosed annotated map panels revised by this LOMR for floodplain management purposes and for all flood insurance policies and renewals in your community.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact Jon Janowicz at (215) 931-5524, or the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP). Additional information about the NFIP is available on our web site at http://www.fema.gov/nfip.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

APPLICABLE NFIP REGULATIONS/COMMUNITY OBLIGATION

We have made this determination pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) and in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, P.L. 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Pursuant to Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, communities participating in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed NFIP criteria. These criteria, including adoption of the FIS and FIRM, and the modifications made by this LOMR, are the minimum requirements for continued NFIP participation and do not supersede more stringent State/Commonwealth or local requirements to which the regulations apply.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

We based this determination on the 1% annual chance discharges computed in the submitted hydrologic model. Future development of projects upstream could cause increased discharges, which could cause increased flood hazards. A comprehensive restudy of your community's flood hazards would consider the cumulative effects of development on discharges and could, therefore, indicate that greater flood hazards exist in this area.

Your community must regulate all proposed floodplain development and ensure that permits required by Federal and/or State/Commonwealth law have been obtained. State/Commonwealth or community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction or may limit development in floodplain areas. If your State/Commonwealth or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, those criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP requirements.

We will not print and distribute this LOMR to primary users, such as local insurance agents or mortgage lenders; instead, the community will serve as a repository for the new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information in this LOMR by preparing a news release for publication in your community's newspaper that describes the revision and explains how your community will provide the data and help interpret the NFIP maps. In that way, interested persons, such as property owners, insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, can benefit from the information.

We have enclosed a document titled "List of Current Flood Insurance Study Data," which includes this letter, to help your community maintain all information for floodplain management and flood insurance. If any of the items in that document are not filed in your community's map repository, please contact the FEMA Map Assistance Center at the number listed below for information on how to obtain those items.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact Jon Janowicz at (215) 931-5524, or the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP). Additional information about the NFIP is available on our web site at http://www.fema.gov/nfip.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

We have designated a Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) to assist your community. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information regarding your CCO, please contact:

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(215) 931-5512

STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY NFIP MAPS

We will not physically revise and republish the FIRM and FIS report for your community to reflect the modifications made by this LOMR at this time. When changes to the previously cited FIRM panel(s) and FIS report warrant physical revision and republication in the future, we will incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR at that time.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF REVISION

This revision will become effective 30 days from the date of this letter. Any requests to review or alter this determination should be made within 30 days and must be based on scientific or technical data.

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MAP LEGEND

REVISED 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN

APPROXIMATE SCALE

500 0 500 FEET

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

BERKS COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA
(ALL JURISDICTIONS)

PANEL 436 OF 678

(SEE MAP INDEX FOR PANELS NOT PRINTED)

CONTAINS:

COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
HEREFORD, TOWNSHIP OF	421379	0436	F
WASHINGTON, TOWNSHIP OF	421383	0436	E

Notice to User: The MAP NUMBER shown below should be used when placing map orders; the COMMUNITY NUMBER shown above should be used on insurance applications for the subject community.

MAP NUMBER
42011C0436 E

EFFECTIVE DATE:
DECEMBER 5, 1997

REVISED TO REFLECT LOMR EFFECTIVE:
NOV 2 5 2002

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LIST OF CURRENT FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY DATA

This list is provided to document all information currently effective for your community for insurance and floodplain management.

Date: October 25, 2002

Community: Township of Washington, Berks County, Pennsylvania

Community Number: 421383

CURRENT EFFECTIVE FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY DATE:

Volume 1: December 5, 1997
Volume 2: December 5, 1997
Volume 3: December 5, 1997
Volume 4: December 5, 1997

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

Map Index	Effective Date
42011CIND1	May 21, 2001
42011CIND2	May 21, 2001

Map Numbers	Effective Date
42011C0417E, 42011C0419E, 42011C0420E, 42011C0436E, 42011C0437E, 42011C0438E, 42011C0439E, 42011C0441E, 42011C0557E, 42011C0576E	December 5, 1997

LETTERS OF MAP REVISION

Map Numbers	Effective Date
42011C0436E	November 25, 2002
42011C0438E	May 28, 2002
42011C0576E	May 28, 2002

LETTERS OF MAP AMENDMENT AND MAP REVISION BASED ON FILL

Map Numbers	Effective Date
42011C0438E	November 17, 1998

BEST AVAILABLE DATA LETTERS

None

REVALIDATION LETTER

None