Follows Conditional Case No.: 09-03-0880R

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

LETTER OF MAP REVISION DETERMINATION DOCUMENT

COMMUNITY AND REVISION INFORMATION		PROJECT DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF REQUEST
COMMUNITY	Township of Lower Southampton Bucks County Pennsylvania	BRIDGE FILL	HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS HYDROLOGIC ANALYSIS NEW TOPOGRAPHIC DATA
	COMMUNITY NO.: 420192		
IDENTIFIER	Walnut Grove Flood Control Improvements	APPROXIMATE LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE: 40.134, -75.008 SOURCE: Precision Mapping Streets DATUM: NAD 83	

ANNOTATED MAPPING ENCLOSURES	ANNOTATED STUDY ENCLOSURES
TYPE: FIRM* NO.: 42017C0420F DATE: May 18, 1999	NO REVISION TO THE FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY REPORT

Enclosures reflect changes to flooding sources affected by this revision.
* FIRM - Flood Insurance Rate Map

FLOODING SOURCE AND REVISED REACH

Tributary No. 1 to Poquessing Creek - Philmont Avenue to Bustleton Pike

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

Flooding Source	Effective Flooding	Revised Flooding	Increases	Decreases
Tributary No. 1 to Poquessing Creek	Zone A	Zone A	YES	YES

DETERMINATION

This document provides the determination from the Department of Homeland Security's 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 (FIS) report 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 the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 7390 Coca Cola Drive, Suite 204, Hanover, MD 21076. Additional Information about the NFIP is available on our Web site at http://www.fema.gov/business/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 report 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.

NFIP regulations Subparagraph 60.3(b)(7) requires communities to ensure that the flood-carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained. This provision is incorporated into your community's existing floodplain management ordinances; therefore, responsibility for maintenance of the altered or relocated watercourse, including any related appurtenances such as bridges, culverts, and other drainage structures, rests with your community. We may request that your community submit a description and schedule of maintenance activities necessary to ensure this requirement.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

We based this determination on the 1-percent-annual-chance flood discharges computed in the submitted analysis without considering subsequent changes in watershed characteristics that could increase flood discharges. Future development of projects upstream could cause increased flood discharges, which could cause increased flood hazards. A comprehensive restudy of your community's flood hazards would consider the cumulative effects of development on flood discharges subsequent to the publication of the FIS report for your community and could, therefore, establish greater flood hazards in this area.

Your community must regulate all proposed floodplain development and ensure that any permits required by Federal 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.

This revision has met our criteria for removing an area from the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplain to reflect the placement of fill. However, we encourage you to require that the lowest adjacent grade and lowest floor (including basement) of any structure placed within the subject area be elevated to or above the Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevation.

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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:

Mr. Eugene K. Gruber
Director, Mitigation Division
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region III
One Independence Mall, Sixth Floor
615 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106-4404
(215) 931-5512

STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY NFIP MAPS

We are processing a revised FIRM and FIS report for Bucks County in our countywide format; therefore, we will not physically revise and republish the FIRM and FIS report for your community to incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR at this time. Preliminary copies of the countywide FIRM and FIS report, which present information from the effective FIRMs and FIS reports for your community and other incorporated communities in Bucks County, were submitted to your community for review on December 30, 2010. We will incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR into the countywide FIRM and FIS report before they become effective.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF REVISION

A notice of changes will be published in the *Federal Register*. This information also will be published in your local newspaper on or about the dates listed below and through FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping Website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/Scripts/bfe_main.asp.

LOCAL NEWSPAPER Name: *Bucks County Courier Times*
Dates: 12/29/2011 and 1/5/2012

Within 90 days of the second publication in the local newspaper, a citizen may request that we reconsider this determination. Any request for reconsideration must be based on scientific or technical data. Therefore, this letter will be effective only after the 90-day appeal period has elapsed and we have resolved any appeals that we receive during this appeal period. Until this LOMR is effective, the revised flood hazard determination information presented in this LOMR may be changed.

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MAP LEGEND

- 1% annual chance (100-Year) Floodplain
- 1% annual chance (100-Year) Floodway
- 0.2% annual chance (500-Year) Floodplain

APPROXIMATE SCALE IN FEET

1000 500 0 1000 FEET

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

FIRM

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA (ALL JURISDICTIONS)

PANEL 420 OF 532

(SEE MAP INDEX FOR PANELS NOT PRINTED)

CONTAINS:

COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
LOWER SOUTHAMPTON, TWP OF	420192	0420	F
UPPER SOUTHAMPTON, TWP OF	420989	0420	F

REVISED TO REFLECT LOMR EFFECTIVE: May 4, 2012

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
42017C0420 F

EFFECTIVE DATE:
MAY 18, 1999

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