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Washington, D.C. 20472

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Mr. Jed Yurt
Westmoreland County Chairman
Board of Supervisors
Road 6 Box 500, Woodward Drive
Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601

IN REPLY REFER TO:
Case No.: 98-03-520A
Community: Township of Hempfield ,
Westmoreland County,
Pennsylvania
Community No.: 420878
Map Panel Affected: Westmoreland County,
Pennsylvania (All Jurisdictions)
Number: 42129C0635 D
Map Effective Date: August 5, 1997

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Dear Mr. Yurt:

We reviewed a request dated February 3, 1998, from [redacted] for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). All information required for this request was received on February 11, 1998. Using the information submitted and the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map, we determined that portions of the property described below are located in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the area that would be inundated by the flood having a 1-percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (base flood); however, the residential structure on the property is not in the SFHA.

Property Description:	A 2.218 acre parcel of land as described and recorded in a Warranty Deed, Volume 2088, Pages 377-380, filed in the Recorder's Office of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania on February 4, 1972
Street Address:	Udell Stop on Old Street Car Line
Flooding Source:	Sewickley Creek

This letter revises the above-referenced NFIP map to remove the residential structure from the SFHA. The structure is now located in Zone X (unshaded), an area above the 0.2-percent-annual-chance flood level. Flood insurance coverage for the structure may be available under a low-cost policy (see enclosed document). Because portions of the property remain in the SFHA, any future construction or substantial improvement on the property remains subject to Federal, Commonwealth, and local regulations for floodplain management.

A portion of this property, but not the existing residential structure is located within the regulatory floodway for Sewickley Creek. The regulatory floodway is the area that must be maintained in an unobstructed condition in order to prevent unacceptable increases in flood levels. Therefore, no construction may take place in a regulatory floodway that would cause any increase in the base flood elevation level. The floodway is provided to your community as a tool to regulate floodplain development. Therefore, the floodway modification described in this letter, while acceptable to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), must also be acceptable to your community and adopted by appropriate community action, as specified in Paragraph 60.3(d) of the NFIP regulations. Any proposed revision to the regulatory floodway must be submitted to FEMA by community officials. The community should contact Ms. Viki L. Doty, Director, Mitigation Division of FEMA's Region III Office at (215) 931-5512 for guidance on the data that must be submitted in order to revise a regulatory floodway.

An additional enclosed document provides information about LOMRs. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Ms. Helen Cohn of our staff in Washington, D.C., either by telephone at (202) 646-3457 or by facsimile at (202) 646-4596.

Sincerely,

Frederick H. Sharrocks Jr., Chief
Hazard Identification Branch
Mitigation Directorate

Enclosures

cc: Commonwealth Coordinator (w/o enclosures)
Region (w/o enclosures)
Community Map Repository
[redacted]