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Ms. Dianne Gauder, Zoning Officer  
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RE: National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Information

Dear Ms. Gauder:

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) floodplain management regulations keep residents safer, minimize property damage and help build resilient communities. Overall, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) estimates that buildings constructed to NFIP standards suffer about 80% less damage annually than those not built in compliance. By employing wise floodplain management strategies, communities can protect against much of the devastating financial losses resulting from flood disasters.

Participation in the NFIP is based on an agreement between communities and the federal government that states that if a community will implement and enforce measures to reduce future flood risks to new construction in federally mapped flood risk areas, the federal government will make flood insurance available within the community as a financial protection against flood losses. **As a participating community in the NFIP, your community's locally adopted floodplain management regulations require a permit to be issued prior to the initiation of any development activities in the federally mapped flood risk areas.** Development is not restricted to buildings, it also includes nonstructural activities (such as filling grading, excavation, storage of equipment or materials, etc..).

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Floodplain Management Program is the State Coordinating Office for the NFIP in Ohio. In this role, we work with communities that participate in the NFIP (like yours) to help build local floodplain management capabilities. We are reaching out to you as the community official (of record) responsible for floodplain management in your community. If you are not the appropriate contact, we request that you contact our office to provide corrected information so that we may update our records. We also wanted to remind you that many informational resources are available on our website to assist your community in performing your NFIP participation responsibilities. ODNR's Floodplain Management Program also provides many training opportunities via webinar, in-person, or upon request. Please visit our website at <https://ohiodnr.gov/rules-and-regulations/rules-for-landowners/floodplains> or scan the QR Code in this letter with your smartphone to access this information. Please contact ODNR's Floodplain Management Program staff directly for assistance:

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