



FEMA

March 22, 2013

Ryan Thurber, Selectboard Chair
Town of Woodford
1391 VT Route 9
Woodford, VT 05201

Dear Mr. Thurber:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Town of Woodford, VT Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region I has evaluated the plan for compliance with 44 CFR Part 201. The plan satisfactorily meets all of the mandatory requirements set forth by the regulations. Congratulations on this achievement!

With this plan approval, the Town is eligible to apply for mitigation grants administered by FEMA. Requests for mitigation funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and requirements of each of these programs. Furthermore, a specific mitigation activity or project identified in your community's plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, and even eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding. In addition, approved mitigation plans are eligible for points under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). Complete information regarding the CRS can be found at www.fema.gov/business/nfip/crs.shtm or through your local floodplain manager.

The Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan must be reviewed, revised as appropriate, and resubmitted to FEMA for approval within **five years of the plan approval date of March 5, 2013** in order to maintain eligibility as an applicant for mitigation grants. Over the next five years, we encourage the town to continue updating the plan's assessment of vulnerability, adhere to its maintenance schedule, and begin implementing, when possible, the mitigation actions proposed in the plan.

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Once again, thank you for your continued dedication to public service demonstrated by preparing and adopting a strategy for reducing future disaster losses. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marilyn Hilliard at (617) 956-7536.

Sincerely,



Paul F. Ford
Acting Regional Administrator

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cc: Ray Doherty, Vermont Hazard Mitigation Officer
Rob Evans, National Flood Insurance Coordinator
Michael Batcher, Bennington County Regional Commission

Enclosure