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Ms. Susan A. Picarillo
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Re: Suffolk County, NY Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Dear Ms. Picarillo:

We recently informed you that the Region II Office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), approved the Suffolk County, NY Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Having received adoption resolutions on June 4, 2014 from the Town of Babylon, the Village of Lindenhurst, the Village of Poquott, and the Village of Saltaire, this plan is now approved for a period of five years until June 4, 2019. In the June 5, 2014 approval letter from Region II to the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES), the Region stated that Suffolk County had adopted the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Region II acknowledges that this statement was in error as the County had not yet submitted an adoption resolution for the plan.

Our office conducted a review of this plan in conformance with Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201, Mitigation Planning and FEMA's Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Review Guide, the official guidance to develop and review multi-hazard mitigation plans. The Region's review is documented in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Review Tool dated May 14, 2014.

Having adopted this plan, the jurisdictions listed above are now eligible to apply as sub-grantees for project funding under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs, including the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, and the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program. Suffolk County and the remaining jurisdictions can become eligible for funding once FEMA Region II receives documentation of plan adoption from the State. Therefore,

we recommend that each jurisdiction adopt this plan and submit the resolution to New York DHSES as soon as possible.

We commend Suffolk County and the participating jurisdictions for taking this important step toward disaster resilience. Also note that jurisdictions with approved and adopted mitigation plans are eligible for points under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS). Additional information regarding the CRS can be found at http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-community-rating-system or by contacting the local floodplain manager.

Please inform the County of this approval. If you have any questions, contact Scott Duell, Risk Analysis Branch Chief, at (212) 680-3630.

Sincerely,

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cc: Richard Lord, NY State Hazard Mitigation Officer
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