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Dear Chief Elected Official:

The Department of Conservation and Recreation's Flood Hazard Management Program (FHMP) is the State Coordinating Office for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). An important component of the NFIP is flood hazard mapping, which provides the flood hazard data used to support the regulatory and insurance functions of the program. The FHMP has partnered with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist with the administration and management of FEMA's flood hazard mapping program in Massachusetts.

FEMA recently issued preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for Middlesex County. The FHMP has scheduled 6 community coordination meetings throughout Middlesex County, where representatives from FEMA, their consultants, and the FHMP will discuss the mapping process and address comments and questions.

While any interested parties are welcome to attend any of the 6 meetings, 3 of the meetings will take place in the afternoon and will be geared towards community officials. The other 3 meetings will be held in the evening and be geared towards the general public. The meetings times and locations are:

Monday, November 5, 2007 at the Holliston Public Library, 752 Washington Street, Holliston, from 1-3 PM.

Monday, November 5, 2007, Nevins Auditorium at Framingham Town Hall, 150 Concord Street, Framingham, from 7-9 PM.

Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at the JV Fletcher Library, 50 Main Street, Westford, from 1-3 PM.

Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at the Belmont Town Hall Auditorium, 455 Concord Avenue, Belmont, from 7-9 PM.

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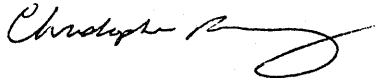
Thursday, November 8, 2007 at the Medford Public Library, 111 High Street, Medford, from 1-3 PM.

Thursday, November 8, 2007, at the Billerica Town Hall Auditorium, 365 Boston Road, Billerica, from 7-9 PM.

Those that are interested in the Mystic River Watershed flood modeling project, the results of which are reflected on these preliminary maps, should attend the meetings in Medford or Belmont. We will specifically address that study at those 2 meetings.

We ask that you help us publicize where the preliminary maps can be viewed by the public in your community, as well as the times and locations of the night public meetings, in any way that you can. If you have any questions about the preliminary maps or these meetings, please contact me by phone at 617-626-1352, or by email at christopher.penney@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,



Christopher Penney, Planner
DCR Flood Hazard Management Program