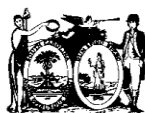


Appendix M: Plan Approval Letters from SC EMD and FEMA

The State of South Carolina Military Department



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February 26, 2009

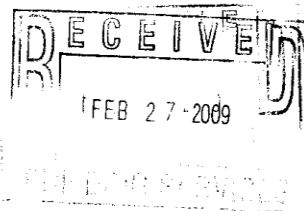
Mr. Carl Simmons
Building Services Department
Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Service Building
4045 Bridge View Drive, Room A311
North Charleston, SC 29405-7464

Dear Mr. Simmons:

We are pleased to inform you that FEMA has approved the resolutions for inclusion within the Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This approval extends to the following jurisdictions:

- Unincorporated Charleston County
- Town of Awendaw
- City of Charleston
- Town of Folly Beach
- Town of Hollywood
- City of Isle of Palms
- Town of James Island
- Town of Kiawah Island
- Town of Lincolnville
- Town of McClellanville
- Town of Meggett
- Town of Mt. Pleasant
- City of North Charleston
- Town of Ravenel
- Town of Rockville
- Town of Seabrook Island
- Town of Sullivan's Island
- Charleston County Parks & Recreation Commission
- Charleston County School District
- Charleston Water System
- College of Charleston
- Cooper River Parks & Playground Commission

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- James Island Public Service District Commission
- Mt. Pleasant Water Works Commission
- North Charleston District
- North Charleston Sewer District
- St. Andrews Parish Park & Recreation Commission
- St. Andrews Public Service District
- St. John's Fire District Commission
- St. Paul's Fire District Commission

The plan is approved for a period of five years. These communities are now eligible for mitigation funding through FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Repetitive Flood Claims Program, and Severe Repetitive Loss Program. Formal updates of the plan are required every five years. Attached for your reference is a copy of the approval letter from FEMA.

SCEMD recommends adding the Final Crosswalk, Adoption Resolutions, and Approval Letters as an addendum to the completed Hazard Mitigation Plan. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gray Warr, PDM Planner, at (803) 737-8846

Sincerely,



Ronald C. Osborne
Director

RCO: gw

cc: Cathy Haynes, Charleston County EPD
Joni Rennhack, Project Officer III

Attachment:
Charleston County FEMA Approval Letter

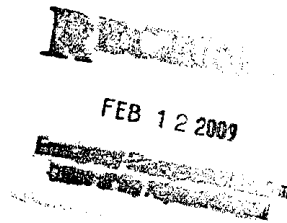
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Region IV
3003 Chamblee Tucker Road
Atlanta, GA 30341



FEMA

February 6, 2009

Mr. Ron Osborne, Director
South Carolina Emergency Management Division
2779 Fish Hatchery Road
West Columbia, South Carolina 29172



Reference: Charleston Regional Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Dear Mr. Osborne:

We are pleased to inform you that the Charleston Regional Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan is in compliance with the federal hazard mitigation planning standards resulting from the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as contained in 44 CFR 201.6. The plan is approved for a period of five (5) years to February 6, 2014.

The plan approval extends to the following participating jurisdictions that provided a copy of their resolutions adopting the plan:

- Unincorporated Charleston County
- Town of Awendaw
- City of Charleston
- Town of Folly Beach
- Town of Hollywood
- City of Isle of Palms
- Town of James Island
- Town of Kiawah Island
- Town of Lincolnville
- Town of McClellanville
- Town of Meggett
- Town of Mt. Pleasant
- City of North Charleston
- Town of Ravenel
- Town of Rockville
- Town of Seabrook Island
- Town of Sullivan's Island
- Charleston County Parks & Recreation Commission

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- Charleston County School District
- Charleston Water System
- College of Charleston
- Cooper River Parks & Playground Commission
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The approved participating jurisdictions are hereby eligible applicants through the State for the following mitigation grant programs administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, our post-disaster-funding program;
- Pre-Disaster Mitigation, a competitive national program for mitigation projects and planning grants;
- Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC); and
- Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL Pilot)

We commend Charleston County for development of a solid, workable plan that will guide hazard mitigation activities over the coming years. Please note that all requests for funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility and other requirements of the particular program under which the application is submitted. For example, a specific mitigation activity or project identified in the plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding, and even eligible mitigation activities are not automatically approved for FEMA funding under any of the aforementioned programs.

We strongly encourage Charleston County to perform an annual review and assessment of the effectiveness of their hazard mitigation plan; however, a formal plan update is required at least every five (5) years. We also encourage each community to conduct a plan update process within one (1) year of being included within a Presidential Disaster Declaration or of the adoption of major modifications to their local Comprehensive Land Use Plan or other plans that affect hazard mitigation or land use and development. When the Plan is amended or revised, it must be resubmitted through the State as a "plan update" and is subject to a formal review and approval process by our office. If the Plan is not updated prior to the required five (5) year update, please ensure that the Draft update is submitted at least six (6) months prior to expiration of the plan.

If you or Charleston County have any questions or need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Lonnie Ryder, of the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Branch, at (770) 220-5474, or Linda L. Byers, of my staff, at (770) 220-5498.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Lowe", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert E. Lowe, Chief
Risk Analysis Branch
Mitigation Division

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