

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

December 17, 2018

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED IN REPLY REFER TO:

Case No.:

18-01-0626P

The Honorable Gail Infurna Mayor, City of Melrose City Hall 562 Main Street Melrose, MA 02176

Community Name:

City of Melrose, MA

Community No.:

250206

FIRM Panel Affected: 25017C0429E,

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Dear Mayor Infurna:

In a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) dated July 17, 2018, you were notified of proposed flood hazard determinations affecting the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for the City of Melrose, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. These determinations were for Ell Pond - the entire pond of Ell Pond. The 90-day appeal period that was initiated on August 3, 2018, when the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published a notice of proposed Flood Hazard Determinations in *The Melrose Weekly News* has elapsed.

FEMA received no valid requests for changes to the modified flood hazard information. Therefore, the modified flood hazard information for your community that became effective on December 3, 2018, remains valid and revises the FIRM and FIS report that were in effect prior to that date.

The modifications are pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) and are in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Public Law 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. The community number(s) and suffix code(s) are unaffected by this revision. The community number and appropriate suffix code as shown above will be used by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) for all flood insurance policies and renewals issued for your community.

FEMA has developed criteria for floodplain management as required under the above-mentioned Acts of 1968 and 1973. To continue participation in the NFIP, your community must use the modified flood hazard information to carry out the floodplain management regulations for the NFIP. The modified flood hazard information will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for all new buildings and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and their contents.

If you have any questions regarding the necessary floodplain management measures for your community or the NFIP in general, please contact the Mitigation Division Director, FEMA Region I, in Boston, Massachusetts either by telephone at (617) 832-4712, or in writing at 99 High Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

If you have any questions regarding the LOMR, the proposed flood hazard determinations, or mapping issues in general, please call the FEMA Map Information eXchange, toll free, at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP).

Sincerely,

Patrick "Rick" F. Sacbibit, P.E., Branch Chief

Engineering Services Branch

Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

cc: Mr. Ronald Miner, P.E. Project Engineer CDM Smith

> Ms. Joy Duperault, CFM State NFIP Coordinator Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation