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**Re: Monmouth County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

Dear Monmouth County Stakeholder

Monmouth County has recently received grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to prepare the first update of our 2009 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Plan will represent the collective efforts of citizens, elected and appointed government officials, business leaders, volunteers, non-profit organizations, and other types of stakeholders. **We are writing to invite you to participate with us in this process.**

The primary purpose of a hazard mitigation planning project is to identify community policies, actions, and tools for implementation over the long term that will result in a reduction in risk and potential for future losses as a result of natural hazards.

While natural disasters cannot be prevented from occurring, the continued implementation of our hazard mitigation plan over the long-term will gradually, but steadily, lessen the impacts associated with hazard events in our county and help us to become more sustainable and disaster-resistant.

Please respond to us in writing to advise if you are interested in participating in the process as a member of the Planning Committee. You will have opportunities to contribute to the plan by providing relevant hazard information, assessing potential mitigation actions, and reviewing draft updates of the plan. If you would like to participate, please provide us with the name, title, phone and email address of the person or persons you would like us to keep apprised of our progress.

If you do not wish to participate directly on the committee, we hope that you will check back on our web site periodically for updates on how the planning process is progressing, and contact Margaret Murnane-Brooks, Deputy Coordinator, at any time if you have any questions or feedback; we welcome and look forward to your input throughout the planning process.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Fact Sheet