



2145 Suttle Avenue
Charlotte, NC 28208

April 22, 2020

Owner Name
Mail Address
City, State Zip

Re: Update on Flood Mitigation Efforts & Voluntary Buyouts
Mecklenburg County Parcel ID: <parcel id>, Address: <location address>

Dear <owner name>,

We hope you and those in your household are safe and healthy. In this challenging time Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services (CMSWS) continues to work on projects to improve our community, including flood mitigation activities. This is an update of our work in your neighborhood.

In March and May 2019 we hosted neighborhood meetings to discuss the results of flood mitigation studies for your neighborhood. Our studies have determined that the only practical flood risk reduction option is voluntary buyout. Given that approach, a number of property owners asked CMSWS to provide flexibility in the timing of buyouts to accommodate their unique situations and needs.

In the fall of 2019 we became aware of an opportunity for Mecklenburg County to apply for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant (via disaster funds from Hurricane Florence). This was a new and unexpected chance to obtain federal funding that will substantially reduce costs of the buyouts to our local program. I contacted many of you in January 2020 to collect information to support the grant application. The application was submitted to FEMA in March, we expect a response by September 2020. If awarded the funds could be available later this year. If we do not receive the FEMA grant we will continue buyouts as planned using local funding.

The proposed project area is shown on the attached map. The map and grant status updates will soon be available on our website at: <https://charlottenc.gov/StormWater/Flooding/Pages/FloodplainBuyoutProgram.aspx>

When contacted in January several owners indicated a need/plan to sell their home in the first half of 2020. To accommodate these owners, we have begun implementing some buyouts. With the COVID-19 virus response limiting our contractors' ability to work, as well as the pending grant award, we plan now to temporarily halt the buyout process with the hope we can resume this summer. CMSWS will attempt to accommodate the timing of your individual situation in the coming months/years regardless of grant award.

As mentioned, your participation in a floodplain buyout is voluntary. We're hopeful you'll see this as an opportunity to relocate to a safer home.

Please contact me with your email and/or phone number so we can stay in touch as the project moves towards full implementation. Also let me know if you have a unique situation that may lead to you moving before fall 2020. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David C. Love".

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