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Honorable Pete Liakakis
Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners
124 Bull Street, Room 210
Savannah, Georgia 31401

Dear Commissioner Liakakis:

I am pleased to inform you that the Chatham County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update has been federally approved. With this approval, Chatham County and the Cities of Bloomingdale and Savannah are eligible applicants for the federally funded mitigation grant programs made available through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These programs include the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Competitive Program, and the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program.

Your plan is approved for five years and a formal update is not required by FEMA until November 9, 2015. However, I strongly encourage the Chatham County Hazard Mitigation Planning team perform an annual review and assessment of the effectiveness of the mitigation plan and provide a report on any updates or changes made to the plan by Chatham County and any of the participating municipalities. This report should be coordinated through your local Emergency Management Agency (EMA) director and submitted to GEMA.

The Cities of Garden City, Pooler, Port Wentworth, Tybee Island and the Town of Thunderbolt also participated in the Chatham County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. When those jurisdictions have submitted their supporting documentation of adoption of the Plan, they will be added as eligible applicants for the above referenced grant programs.

I congratulate you on this approval. Your plan established a firm foundation to pursue many valuable and needed mitigation projects that have been identified by Chatham County and its municipalities. Implementation of these projects will ultimately make your community a safer place to live and be sustainable even through times of disaster.



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Should you have any questions or need additional information on pursuing funding for the grant programs listed above, please contact Scott Sherman, Hazard Mitigation Planner, at (912) 486-7939.

Sincerely,



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