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COUNTY COMMISSIONER
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The Honorable Frank Mann
Chairman, Lee County Board of Commissioners
P. O. Box 398
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Case No.: 12-04-0435R
Community Name: Lee County, FL
Community No.: 125124

Dear Mr. Mann:

We are providing our comments with the enclosed Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) on a proposed project within your community that, if constructed as proposed, could revise the effective Flood Insurance Study report, Flood Insurance Rate Map for your community.

If you have any questions regarding the floodplain management regulations for your community, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in general, or technical questions regarding this CLOMR, please contact the Director, Mitigation Division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Regional Office in Atlanta, Georgia, at (770) 220-5400, or the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP). Additional information about the NFIP is available on our website at <http://www.fema.gov/nfip>.

Sincerely,

Beth A Norton

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Engineering Management Branch
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

For: Luis Rodriguez, P.E., Chief
Engineering Management Branch
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

List of Enclosures:

Conditional Letter of Map Revision Comment Document

cc: Mr. Robert Stewart
Building Official
Department of Community Development
Lee County

Mr. Charles L. Krebs, P.E.
Project Manager
Hole Montes, Inc.

Mr. Randy Heintz
Riverwood Estates, LLC



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CONDITIONAL LETTER OF MAP REVISION COMMENT DOCUMENT

COMMUNITY INFORMATION		PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF CONDITIONAL REQUEST
COMMUNITY	Lee County Florida (Unincorporated Areas)	BRIDGE CHANNEL RELOCATION	FLOODWAY HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS NEW TOPOGRAPHIC DATA
	COMMUNITY NO.: 125124		
IDENTIFIER	Riverwood Estates	APPROXIMATE LATITUDE & LONGITUDE: 23.719, -81.595 SOURCE: USGS QUADRANGLE DATUM: NAD 83	
AFFECTED MAP PANELS			
TYPE: FIRM*	NO.: 12071C0326F	DATE: August 28, 2008	* FIRM - Flood Insurance Rate Map ** FBFM - Flood Boundary and Floodway Map *** FHBM - Flood Hazard Boundary Map
TYPE: FIRM*	NO.: 12071C0327F	DATE: August 28, 2008	
TYPE: FIRM*	NO.: 12071C0328F	DATE: August 28, 2008	
TYPE: FIRM*	NO.: 12071C0329F	DATE: August 28, 2008	

See Page 2 for Additional Flooding Sources

FLOODING SOURCE(S) AND REACH DESCRIPTION

Spanish Creek -- from the mouth to approximately 2,940 feet upstream

PROPOSED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Flooding Source	Proposed Project	Location of Proposed Project
Spanish Creek	New Bridge Channel Relocation	approximately 990 feet upstream of the mouth from approximately 170 feet upstream of the mouth to approximately 2,290 feet upstream

SUMMARY OF IMPACTS TO FLOOD HAZARD DATA

Flooding Source	Effective Flooding	Proposed Flooding	Increases	Decreases
Spanish Creek	Zone AE	Zone AE	Yes	Yes
	Floodway	Floodway	Yes	Yes
	BFEs*	BFEs	None	Yes

* BFEs - Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations

COMMENT

This document provides the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) comment regarding a request for a CLOMR for the project described above. This document is not a final determination; it only provides our comment on the proposed project in relation to the flood hazard information shown on the effective National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) map. We reviewed the submitted data and the data used to prepare the effective flood hazard information for your community and determined that the proposed project meets the minimum floodplain management criteria of the NFIP. Your community is responsible for approving all floodplain development and for ensuring that all permits required by Federal or State/Commonwealth law have been received. State/Commonwealth, county, and community officials, based on their knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the area subject to inundation by the base flood. If the State/Commonwealth, county, or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, these criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP criteria.

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To determine the changes in flood hazards that will be caused by the proposed project, we compared the hydraulic modeling reflecting the proposed project (referred to as the proposed conditions model) to the hydraulic modeling used to prepare the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) (referred to as the effective model). If the effective model does not provide enough detail to evaluate the effects of the proposed project, an existing conditions model must be developed to provide this detail. This existing conditions model is then compared to the effective model and the proposed conditions model to differentiate the increases or decreases in flood hazards caused by more detailed modeling from the increases or decreases in flood hazards that will be caused by the proposed project.

The table below shows the changes in the BFEs:

BFE Comparison Table

Flooding Source: Spanish Creek		BFE Change (feet)	Location of maximum change
Existing vs. Effective	Maximum increase	NONE	N/A
	Maximum decrease	NONE	N/A
Proposed vs. Existing	Maximum increase	NONE	
	Maximum decrease	0.6	approximately 2,060 feet upstream of the mouth
Proposed vs. Effective	Maximum increase	NONE	
	Maximum decrease	0.6	approximately 2,060 feet upstream of the mouth

NFIP regulations Subparagraph 60.3(b)(7) requires communities to ensure that the flood-carrying capacity within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained. This provision is incorporated into your community's existing floodplain management ordinances; therefore, responsibility for maintenance of the altered or relocated watercourse, including any related appurtenances such as bridges, culverts, and other drainage structures, rests with your community. We may request that your community submit a description and schedule of maintenance activities necessary to ensure this requirement.

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DATA REQUIRED FOR FOLLOW-UP LOMR

Upon completion of the project, your community must submit the data listed below and request that we make a final determination on revising the effective FIRM, and FIS report. If the project is built as proposed and the data below are received, a revision to the FIRM, and FIS report would be warranted.

- Form 1, entitled "Overview & Concurrence Form." Detailed application and certification forms must be used for requesting final revisions to the maps. Therefore, when the map revision request for the area covered by this letter is submitted, Form 1 must be included. If as-built conditions differ from the proposed plans, please submit new forms, which can be accessed at http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/dl_mt-2.shtm, or annotated copies of the previously submitted forms showing the revised information.
- Hydraulic analyses, for as-built conditions, of the base flood; the 10-percent, 2-percent, and 0.2 percent annual chance floods; and the regulatory floodway, together with a topographic work map showing the revised floodplain and floodway boundaries. Please ensure that the revised information ties in with the current effective information at the downstream and upstream ends of the revised reach.
- An annotated copy of the FIRM, at the scale of the effective FIRM, that shows the revised floodplain and floodway boundary delineations shown on the submitted work map and how they tie into the floodplain and floodway boundary delineations shown on the current effective FIRM at the downstream and upstream ends of the revised reach.
- As-built plans, certified by a registered professional engineer, of all proposed project elements.
- A copy of the public notice distributed by your community, stating its intent to revise the regulatory floodway, or a signed statement by your community that it has notified all affected property owners and affected adjacent jurisdictions.
- Documentation of the notification to property owners who will be affected by any widening/shifting of the base floodplain and/or any BFE increases along Spanish Creek.

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• FEMA's fee schedule for reviewing and processing requests for conditional and final modifications to published flood information and maps can be accessed at http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/firm_fees.shtm. The fee at the time of the map revision submittal must be received before we can begin processing the request. Payment of this fee can be made through a check or money order, made payable in U.S. funds to the National Flood Insurance Program, or by credit card (Visa or MasterCard only). Please forward the payment, along with the revision application, to the following address:

LOMC Clearinghouse
847 South Pickett Street
Alexandria, VA 22304

After receiving appropriate documentation to show that the project has been completed, FEMA will initiate a revision to the FIRM and FIS report. Because the flood hazard information (i.e., Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, SFHAs, zone designations, regulatory floodways) will change as a result of the project, a 90-day appeal period will be initiated for the revision, during which community officials and interested persons may appeal the revised flood hazard information based on scientific or technical data.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

We have designated a Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) to assist your community. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information regarding your CCO, please contact:

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Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV
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Atlanta, GA 30341
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