Greetings everyone,

The following is the context of the Formal Approval letter being sent to the twenty five jurisdictions [listed below] within CRCOG that have been approved during this phase of the HMP process. One hardcopy official letter will be sent to each jurisdiction’s Chief Elected Official (CEO). Where I have email addresses for officials within the jurisdictions, there will be an electronic message sent to those participating recipients. In a matter of expediency this is your official notification with a copy of the MJ Review Tool; there will not be additional cc’s for you with each of the other correspondences.

If you need any further assistance with this, please call at my telephone numbers listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

Dear Recipient:
Thank you for the opportunity to review the 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region I has evaluated the plan for compliance with 44 C.F.R. pt. 201. The plan satisfactorily meets all of the mandatory requirements set forth by the regulations.

This plan approval includes the following participating jurisdictions that provided copies of their resolutions adopting the plan.

- Town of Bolton
- Town of Canton
- Town of East Granby
- Town of East Hartford
- Town of East Windsor
- Town of Ellington
- Town of Farmington
- Town of Glastonbury
- Town of Granby
- City of Hartford
- Town of Hebron
- Town of Manchester
- Town of Marlborough
- Town of Newington
- Town of Rocky Hill
- Town of Simsbury
- Town of Somers
- Town of South Windsor
- Town of Stafford
- Town of Suffield
- Town of Tolland
- Town of Vernon
- Town of West Hartford
- Town of Wethersfield
- Town of Windsor Locks
With this plan approval, the communities listed above are eligible to apply to the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) for mitigation grants administered by FEMA. Requests for mitigation funding will be evaluated individually according to the specific eligibility requirements identified for each of these programs. A specific mitigation activity or project identified in your community’s plan may not meet the eligibility requirements for FEMA funding; even eligible mitigation activities or projects are not automatically approved.

Approved mitigation plans are eligible for points under the National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System (CRS). Complete information regarding the CRS can be found at [www.fema.gov/business/nfip/crs.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/crs.shtm), or through your local floodplain administrator.

The 2014-2019 Capitol Region Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update must be reviewed, revised as appropriate, and resubmitted to FEMA for approval within **five years of the plan approval date of December 5, 2014** in order to maintain eligibility for mitigation grant funding. We encourage Capitol Region Council of Governments communities to continually update the plan’s assessment of vulnerability, adhere to its maintenance schedule, and implement, when possible, the mitigation actions proposed in the plan.

Once again, thank you for your continued dedication to public service demonstrated by preparing and adopting a strategy for reducing future disaster losses. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marilyn Hilliard at (617) 956-7536.

Sincerely,

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