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To whom it may concern:

Orange County has been a member of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) since 1976. Our original Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) became effective on March 16, 1981. The latest FIRM became effective on February 2, 2007, with a Summary of Map Activity published on May 16, 2008.

In accordance with our responsibilities as a member of the National Flood Insurance Program, Orange County has adopted its own Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. The Ordinance has undergone several refinements since it was first adopted in March 1981. In April 2009 the flood ordinance standards were transferred into the Zoning Ordinance and the FIRMs establish the basis for the Special Flood Hazard Area Zoning Overlay Districts that are now in effect.

This letter is being sent to remind you that as a service provided by the Planning Department, upon request, electronic versions of the official FIRM for any parcel or group of parcels within Orange County. The data available includes the following items:

1. Base Flood Elevations,
2. 500-year floodplain maps,
3. Archived 1981 FIRMs,
4. Cross Section elevations at selected locations,
5. Parcel Lines,
6. Zoning and Watershed Overlay designation,
7. Five and Ten foot topographic contour lines,
8. Location of any structure, and
9. Any FIRM adjustment approved through the LOMA or LOMR process.

If you are in need of such data, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 919 245 2577 or by email at [gbowles@co.orange.nc.us](mailto:gbowles@co.orange.nc.us).

Sincerely,

Glenn Bowles, AICP, CFM