

## **New London County Municipal Officials:**

In early March 2011, the revised flood insurance rate maps (FIRM) for New London County, becoming effective on **July 18, 2011**, were sent to the office of the chief elected official in each municipality. One copy of the flood maps and flood study, along with a CD containing this data in digital format, was sent. Due to FEMA's new guidelines to save money on printing costs, **this will be the only paper copy you receive**. No additional paper maps can be ordered in the future. Additional maps can be printed using the CD if you have that internal capability. We advise the community to keep the copy of their current map and study for future reference as these maps will also not be reprinted.

These maps are now also available for viewing on FEMA's Map Service Center website: <http://msc.fema.gov>. On the top red bar click on "Product Catalog". Then click on "Future FIRMs". Then chose "Connecticut" as the state. Then chose "New London" as the county. Then chose your applicable town. A list of the new map panels will appear. Residents can be directed to this website to view new maps. Historical flood maps may also be found for your town on this website.

New London County municipalities should also encourage residents to view these revised flood maps prior to July 18, 2011. Property owners should be encouraged to purchase flood insurance prior to the new map date for significant future savings if they find their structure will now be located in the floodplain.

Community officials should also now be in the process of updating applicable floodplain regulations or ordinance in conjunction with this map change. If regulations are not updated by July 18, 2011, the community will be suspended from the NFIP. See attached fact sheet regarding the consequences of suspension. Please contact me if you need assistance in this process. Review letters were sent to the floodplain contact in each community in mid-January 2011 that will aid you in this update.

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