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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Case No.: 15-01-2142P
Community Name: Town of Arlington, MA
Community No.: 250177
Effective Date of
This Revision: April 8, 2016

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Name: *Arlington Advocate*

Dates: December 3, 2015 and December 10, 2015

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We have made this determination pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) and in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, P.L. 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Pursuant to Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, communities participating in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed NFIP criteria. These criteria, including adoption of the FIS report and FIRM, and the modifications made by this LOMR, are the minimum requirements for continued NFIP participation and do not supersede more stringent State/Commonwealth or local requirements to which the regulations apply.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

We based this determination on the 1-percent-annual-chance flood discharges computed in the FIS for your community without considering subsequent changes in watershed characteristics that could increase flood discharges. Future development of projects upstream could cause increased flood discharges, which could cause increased flood hazards. A comprehensive restudy of your community's flood hazards would consider the cumulative effects of development on flood discharges subsequent to the publication of the FIS report for your community and could, therefore, establish greater flood hazards in this area.

Your community must regulate all proposed floodplain development and ensure that permits required by Federal and/or State/Commonwealth law have been obtained. State/Commonwealth or community officials, based on knowledge of local conditions and in the interest of safety, may set higher standards for construction or may limit development in floodplain areas. If your State/Commonwealth or community has adopted more restrictive or comprehensive floodplain management criteria, those criteria take precedence over the minimum NFIP requirements.

We will not print and distribute this LOMR to primary users, such as local insurance agents or mortgage lenders; instead, the community will serve as a repository for the new data. We encourage you to disseminate the information in this LOMR by preparing a news release for publication in your community's newspaper that describes the revision and explains how your community will provide the data and help interpret the NFIP maps. In that way, interested persons, such as property owners, insurance agents, and mortgage lenders, can benefit from the information.

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange toll free at 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 847 South Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304-4605. Additional information about the NFIP is available on our website at <http://www.fema.gov/nfip>.

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Luis Rodriguez, P.E., Chief
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Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration



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Washington, D.C. 20472

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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:

Mr. Dean Savramis
Director, Mitigation Division
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I
99 High Street, Sixth Floor
Boston, MA 02110
(617) 832-4764

STATUS OF THE COMMUNITY NFIP MAPS

We will not physically revise and republish the FIS report for your community to reflect the modifications made by this LOMR at this time. When changes to the previously cited FIS report warrant physical revision and republication in the future, we will incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR at that time.

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF REVISION

A notice of changes will be published in the *Federal Register*. This information also will be published in your local newspaper on or about the dates listed below and through FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping website at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/Scripts/bfe_main.asp.

LOCAL NEWSPAPER

Name: *Belmont Citizen Herald*

Dates: December 3, 2015 and December 10, 2015

Within 90 days of the second publication in the local newspaper, a citizen may request that we reconsider this determination. Any request for reconsideration must be based on scientific or technical data. Therefore, this letter will be effective only after the 90-day appeal period has elapsed and we have resolved any appeals that we receive during this appeal period. Until this LOMR is effective, the revised flood hazard determination presented in this LOMR may be changed.

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FLOODING SOURCE		FLOODWAY			BASE FLOOD WATER-SURFACE ELEVATION (FEET NAVD88)			
CROSS SECTION	DISTANCE ¹	WIDTH (FEET)	SECTION AREA (SQUARE FEET)	MEAN VELOCITY (FEET PER SECOND)	REGULATORY	WITHOUT FLOODWAY	WITH FLOODWAY	INCREASE
Wellington Brook								
A	590	31	77	1.9	6.8	5.3 ²	5.6	0.3
B	1,450	27	64	2.6	6.9	6.5 ²	6.5	0.0
C	3,770	23	90	1.1	7.7	7.7	7.7	0.0
D	5,730	10	17	6.3	15.1	15.1	15.1	0.0
E	6,190	32	39	2.6	17.9	17.9	18.0	0.1
F	6,460	16	24	4.1	20.2	20.2	20.3	0.1

¹ Feet above confluence with Alewife Brook (Little River)

² Elevation computed without consideration of backwater effects from Alewife Brook (Little River)

* The measured top width on the FIRM may differ due to the effects of ineffective flow, the exclusion of small pocket areas due to map scale limitations, or is estimated due to HEC-RAS modeling limitations

REVISED DATA

REVISED TO REFLECT LOMR
EFFECTIVE: APRIL 8, 2016

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MA
(ALL JURISDICTIONS)

FLOODWAY DATA

WELLINGTON BROOK

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