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

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	COMMUNITY INF	ORMATION	PROPO	SED PROJECT DESCRIPT	ION BASIS OF CONDITIONAL REQUEST	
COMMUNITY	City of New London New London County Connecticut COMMUNITY NO.: 090100		EXCAVA FILL	TION	COASTAL ANALYSIS UPDATED TOPOGRAPHIC DATA	
IDENTIFIER	State Pier Infrastructur	re Improvements		APPROXIMATE LATITUDE & LONGITUDE: 41.362, -72.091 SOURCE: OTHER DATUM: NAD 83		
	AFFECTED MA	P PANELS				
TYPE: FIRM* TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 09011C0501J NO.: 09011C0502J	DATE: August 5, 201		Flood Insurance Rate Map		
		FLOODING	SOURCE(S) AND REA	CH DESCRIPTION		
New London Harbo	or – An area centered app	roximately 550 feet south	of State Pier Road and 7	700 feet west of the New Lon	don Harbor coastline	
		PRO	POSED PROJECT DES	CRIPTION		
looding Source Proposed Project			Location of Proposed Project			
New London Harbo	or	Grading		An area centered approximately 550 feet south of State Pier Road and 700 feet west of the New London Harbor coastline		
		Dredging		On the coastline directly north of the existing piers		
		SUMMARY	OF IMPACTS TO FLOO	D HAZARD DATA		
Flooding Source		Effective Flooding	Proposed Flooding		eases	
New London Harbo	or	Zone VE	Zone VE	Yes None		
		Zone AE BFEs*	Zone AE BFEs	Yes None Yes None		
		DLE2	DLE2	res None	•	

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: New London Harbor		BFE Change (feet)	Location of maximum change			
Existing vs. Effective	Maximum increase	0.0	N/A			
	Maximum decrease	0.0	N/A			
Proposed vs. Existing	Maximum increase	3.0	An area centered approximately 440 feet southeast of the intersection of 8th Street and Frasier Street			
	Maximum decrease	0.0	N/A			
Proposed vs. Effective	Maximum increase	3.0	An area centered approximately 440 feet southeast of the intersection of 8th Street and Frasier Street			
	Maximum decrease	0.0	N/A			

Increases due to the proposed project that exceed those permitted under Paragraphs (c)(10) or (d)(3) of Section 60.3 of the NFIP regulations must adhere to Section 65.12 of the NFIP regulations. With this request, your community has complied with all requirements of Paragraph 65.12(a) of the NFIP regulations. Compliance with Paragraph 65.12(b) also is necessary before FEMA can issue a Letter of Map Revision when a community proposes to permit encroachments into the effective floodplain that will cause BFE increases in excess of those permitted under Paragraph 60.3(c)(10).

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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 may be accessed at https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/change-your-flood-zone/paper-application-forms/mt-2, or annotated copies of the previously submitted forms showing the revised information.
- Form 4, entitled "Coastal Analysis Form."
- A coastal analysis, for as-built conditions, of the base flood together with a topographic work map showing the revised floodplain boundaries. Please ensure that the revised information ties in with the current effective information for the revision area.
- An annotated copy of the FIRMs, at the scale of the effective FIRMs, that shows the revised floodplain boundary delineations shown on the submitted work map and how they tie into the floodplain boundary delineations shown on the current effective FIRMs.
- · As-built plans, certified by a registered professional engineer, of all proposed project elements.
- Documentation of the individual legal notices sent to property owners who will be affected by any widening/shifting of the base floodplain and/or any BFE increases along the New London Harbor.
- Evidence that your community has, prior to approval of the proposed encroachment, adopted floodplain management ordinances that incorporate the increased BFEs to reflect the post-project conditions, as stated in Paragraph 65.12(b).

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• FEMA's fee schedule for reviewing and processing requests for conditional and final modifications to published flood information and maps may be accessed at https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/change-your-flood-zone/status/flood-map-related-fees. 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 3601 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 500 Alexandria,VA 22304-6426

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, and/or 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.

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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:

Ms. Kerry Bogdan Chief, Risk Analysis Branch Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I 99 High Street Boston, MA 02110 (617) 956-7576

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