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Steven

I apologize that I haven't responded sooner. Your summary below is correct. For the FHA permits, they could either come in individually or come in as one application which would save on cost. We would just need all owners to sign on to the application. We will follow up with something official for your records but you can proceed as you outlined below.

Ryan

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] NJDEP Superstorm Sandy Blue Acres Buyout Program - Southampton and Pemberton Land Use Review

Good afternoon Colleen and Ryan,

We have two projects that we are working on for the NJDEP Superstorm Sandy Blue Acres Buyout Program. The projects involve the buyout of ten residential properties in Pemberton Township, Burlington County, New Jersey and 52 residential properties in Southampton Township, Burlington County, New Jersey. The properties identified for buyout are along the flood-prone North and South Branch Rancocas Creek. The buyout project will acquire the residential properties on a voluntary basis and demolish, remove and dispose of all man-made features associated with the property such as dwellings, foundations, sheds, garages, fences and driveways. Wells and septic systems will be abandoned in place and all utilities will be disconnected. The properties will be graded and left in a stabilized condition (i.e. planted with native grasses or other approved native vegetative cover that will support soil stability). The acquired and cleared properties will be permanently preserved as open space and serve as a natural buffer against future storms and flood events. We are seeking a review and concurrence of your findings of the action items below:

- A number of residential properties appear to be within the floodway, so individual Flood Hazard Area (FHA) permit(s) are anticipated (see attached spreadsheet). Residences that appear outside the floodway, work on these sites would be authorized under an FHA permit-by-rule pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:13-7.4.

- Based on a review of the coastal wetlands maps it is determined that there are no mapped coastal wetlands in the project area; therefore, coastal wetland permitting is not required.
- It appears that proposed demolition activities are located outside of mapped NJDEP freshwater wetlands, however, some structures appear to be located within the freshwater wetlands transition area. If it is determined that activities will impact freshwater wetlands, then a consultation with the Division is required. If activities are to occur adjacent to freshwater wetlands (within the transition area), then the Division would consider the activities “normal property maintenance” pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:7A-2.3 (b) li (9) and permits would not be required.

For your reference, I have sent maps of the project sites in a zip drive through OneDrive. Please let me know if you have trouble accessing. If there’s anything further you need, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time,

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