

July 28, 2008

Mr. David I Maurstad
Assistant Administrator
Mitigation Directorate
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20472

Re: FEMA Flood Map for Lutherville, Md.

Dear Mr. Maurstad:

This letter concerns the FEMA flood maps currently being developed by Baltimore County, Maryland. My understanding is that the map depicting a branch of Roland Run that flows through the area represented by the Lutherville Community Association (LCA) is being finalized. LCA's interest in the depiction of the 100-year floodplain on the Lutherville branch of Roland Run stems from the fact that we have long felt that the full extent of the floodplain in this area has not been depicted accurately by local government agencies. The map when finalized and made official will be key when our members have problems with flooding on Roland Run and request help from local and State Government.

Enclosed is a document that lists some of the reasons that we feel that additional Hydraulic and Hydrologic study needs to be done in order to accurately represent the floodplain in our area. Therefore, we are trying to determine if the LCA and/or our individual members will have an opportunity to provide input, have our questions answered, etc. before the map becomes official. Will there be public notices posted and public hearings held? The question of the extent of the floodplain has been debated by the LCA and Baltimore County since the 1980's. We would like to have some closure and feel that the development of the FEMA maps may provide the perfect venue for settling this matter. We also recognize that once the map is made official it will be sometime before it can again be corrected. I would appreciate your response by email to jeffdier@verizon.net. Please feel free to call me also at 443-834-2161.

Sincerely,

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State Senator James Brochin