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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 06, 2020

Community Name / Number: City of Jonesboro / 050048

Subject: 2020 Progress Report:
Craighead County Hazard Mitigation Plan
Repetitive Loss Area Analysis

CRS Expiration Date: October 1, 2021

The Repetitive Loss Area Analysis (RLAA) was adopted by Ordinance 16:065 dated October 4, 2016. By Resolution 16:142 dated November 1, 2016, the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas also adopted the Craighead County Hazard Mitigation Plan (CCHMP). The City adopted by Ordinance 20:012 dated May 05, 2020 the FEMA BLE Study for Lower St. Francis, L'Anguille, and Cache Watersheds used to obtain the best available flood data in unstudied areas for determining Base Flood Elevations (BFE's) to insure all new construction is elevated to a minimum equivalent to the 1% (100yr) flood height in FEMA Zone X and one (1) foot above BFE for areas in FEMA Zone A.

A copy of the progress report, the RLAA and the CCHMP are available to all interested parties, media, public and governing bodies on the city website with a copy of progress report distributed at the scheduled July 2020 Stormwater Management Board meeting. Information is available at the following link: <http://www.jonesboro.org/300/Floodplain-Management>

BACKGROUND:

The City of Jonesboro is currently classified as a Repetitive Loss Category B community as defined by the Community Rating System (CRS) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). A Category B community defined as a community with one, but fewer than 50 repetitive loss properties that have not received mitigation. A Category B community must review and describe its repetitive loss problem, prepare a map of its repetitive loss areas, prepare a list of the addresses of all improved properties in those areas, undertake annual outreach projects to those addresses, and prepare a floodplain management plan or area analyses for its repetitive loss area. The City of Jonesboro adopted the Craighead County Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting the requirements stated. The city is required to evaluate the plan yearly and report on progress towards implementing its mitigation actions.

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES:

- **Public awareness of hazards faced and how they should respond when the hazard threatens:**

Status: Project is ongoing. Letters mailed to property owners within the defined repetitive loss areas encouraging flood safety and the purchase of flood insurance including contents coverage for renters. A memo to insurance agents, mortgage brokers, and real estate agencies sent



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detailing our flood map information service. Both outreach projects conducted annually. Objectives reached and the activity is on schedule.

- **Encouragement of residents to prepare disaster plans and supply kits:**

Status: Project is ongoing: Letters mailed to property owners and renters within defined repetitive loss areas encouraging the development of a disaster response plan. This outreach project currently conducted annually. The objectives reached and the activity is on schedule.

MAPPING & REGULATIONS:

- **Map local flood events and flood studies for future reference:**

Status: Project is ongoing: The engineering department continues to expand on its GIS database enabling staff to better plan and coordinate daily activities and projects. The information is provided to engineers and designers for establishing guidelines during construction to ensure public and property safety. City staff continues to publish and update multiple database files related to public safety, public service, planning and engineering. The city GIS department supplies information to EFSEEDGE web application to provide public access and viewing of city GIS data. The objectives reached and the activity is on schedule.

FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION ACTIVITIES:

- **Maintaining drainage system to prevent local flooding:**

Status: Project is ongoing: The street department continually performs ditch maintenance activities. Unwanted vegetation and storm debris removed and disposed of to increase flow efficiency. The objectives reached and the activity is on schedule.

- **Removing structures from Repetitive Loss Areas:**

Status: Project is ongoing: The City removed four severe repetitive loss properties with a grant from FEMA through ANRC. The City has acquired the properties and demolition of structures is completed. The City is in the process of closing the grant out. We will continue to apply for grants in the future to remove repetitive loss structures. The objectives reached and the activity is ahead of schedule.

RECOMMENDATIONS / CONCLUSION:

The City of Jonesboro continues to make great strides in accessing and resolving existing drainage hazards. In conjunction with the Arkansas Department of Agriculture/Natural Resources Division and USACE, the City of Jonesboro still aggressively seeks state and federal funding for future drainage improvement projects as well as funding to mitigate its repetitive loss structures. Furthermore, new



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data generated from the USACE drainage studies will be analyzed and implemented into daily planning, design, and administrative routines. All activities current and objectives reached.