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Mr. Allin Frawley, Chair
Middleborough Select Board
Town Hall
10 Nickerson Avenue
Middleborough, MA 02346

Dear Mr. Frawley,

I am writing to you regarding the post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant application the Town of Middleborough submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) after the catastrophic flooding in the Spring of 2010.

Recently, the Town received the good news that both FEMA and MEMA (the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency) have accepted the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. As a result, the town is now eligible to receive the Hazard Mitigation Grant that was applied for in early 2011.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Massachusetts helped draft the FEMA application in 2011 with the town and remains supportive of the project. With FEMA assuming \$752,835 of the estimated \$1,075,000 project cost, the town and the Conservancy have agreed to equally split the remaining match amount. Based on this arrangement, TNC will assume a maximum of \$161,000 of the project match.

We hope this letter provides some clarity to the funding situation as the select board deliberates the project and that the town will agree to move forward with the FEMA grant.

Please contact David McGowan, Associate Director of Protection, at 617.532.8322, or dmcgowan@tnc.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Klockner", written over a horizontal line.

Wayne Klockner
Vice President and Massachusetts State Director