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April 29, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Executive Officer / Civil Defense Director

FROM: Al W. Goodman, Jr., CFM
State NFIP / Dam Safety Coordinator

RE: Mississippi Flood Map Modernization Initiative
Re-mapping of the Floodplains within Our Communities

The Mississippi Flood Map Modernization Initiative coordination team will conduct a 'kick-off' meeting with Benton County and the communities of Ashland, Hickory Flat and Snow Lake Shores on May 6, 2004 at 10:00 AM. We are referring to this initial coordination briefing as a 'Meet and Greet' Team Building event.

This will be a countywide mapping effort for Benton County. All local officials of the above listed communities are cordially invited to the briefing. The meeting will be held on the following date / time and at the following location:

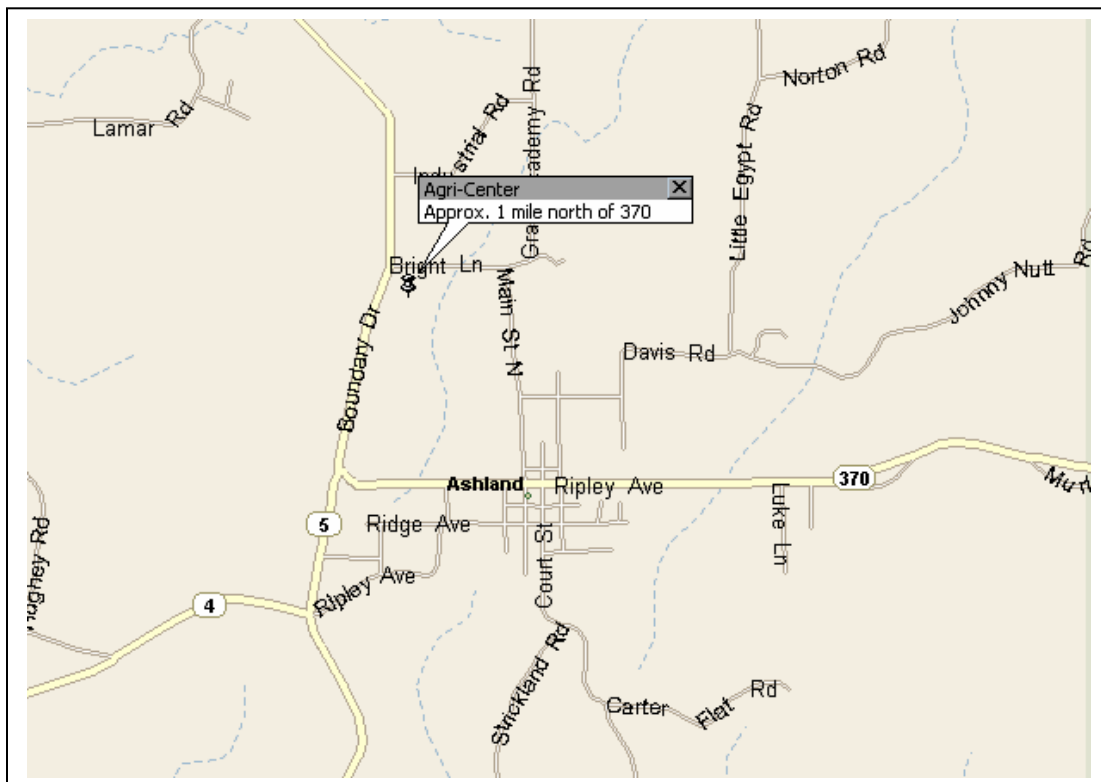
Date	Time	Location
May 6	10:00 AM	Agricultural Center, Hwy. 5 One mile north of Ashland Ashland, MS 38603

I am requesting the assistance of the Benton County Civil Defense Director in inviting each appropriate Board Supervisor, Mayor, Alderman, Community Engineer, Community Administrator, Community Planner, GIS staff, and any other appropriate person(s) to the

briefing. This is not a public meeting; we are not at that stage as of yet. This is simply the first in a series of meetings that will result in flood maps for your community.

We propose a one-hour session, which will inform the local officials of the method in which the state of Mississippi is conducting the new flood map modernization program, in partnership with the local stakeholder communities. We wish to make personal contact with the community officials in order to build goodwill and a team attitude. We do not intend to create the impression that any map will be forced on a community. The maps will be constructed with the full input of each concerned community. This is our great opportunity to improve our existing flood maps and create initial maps for some communities, let's make a best effort to improve these flood risk identification tools for our citizens. After this 'Meet and Greet,' the state's mapping contractors can then begin their initial contacts with all communities in order to gather all available technical data.

This is not an attempt to force your community into the flood program. If your community is not presently a member of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), I will schedule a briefing with each community during a regular session board meeting. This briefing will provide to you information concerning the NFIP and the role and responsibilities of the member community. You may then decide if you wish to join or not join.



May 6th: 10:00 AM
Ag Center, Hwy. 5
Ashland, MS 38603