

Memorandum

Date: October 1, 2018

To: Julie VanderWiere, Superintendent

Company: Charter Township of Texas

From: Thomas A. Smith, P.E., CFM

Project #: 2180465

Re: FEMA Funding Ramifications

A FEMA PDM Program, authorized by Section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, is designed to assist local communities in implementing a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program.

Mitigation planning is a key process used to break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. The goal is to reduce overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding in future disasters.

The program and other Hazard Mitigation programs do not include a direct connection with development or redevelopment of FEMA flood zone delineations nor flood insurance requirements. FEMA grants have no requirements regarding delineation of flood zones. In fact, mitigation projects serve to reduce flood frequencies which would only lower flood levels.