



TOWN OF PENDLETON
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Dear Pendleton Property Owner:

In October 2008 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released for public review a series of proposed updated floodplain maps of the Town of Pendleton and various communities within Niagara County. The Town Board and residents have opposed the maps since they were first proposed in 2008, due to the expanded footprint of the floodplain boundary which added approximately 185 structures into the Federal Emergency Management Agency flood insurance program. This change has forced many property owners to purchase flood insurance, a costly and unnecessary expense, which we have worked diligently to correct.

The Town of Pendleton contracted with GHD, the Town's engineering firm, to update the previous flood model for Tonawanda Creek and prepared a revision to the proposed flood mapping. In September 2016, FEMA formally accepted the Town's model and the Town began moving ahead with the local steps necessary for the adoption of the revised maps. The new maps reflect a lower regulated base flood elevation, potentially removing an estimated 120 structures, as well as a reduction in the overall floodplain boundary for properties located along Tonawanda Creek between Bear Ridge Road and the canal.

The Town of Pendleton, with assistance from the Town's engineering firm, will be holding a public meeting on **October 19, 2017** at the Town Hall. The meeting will start at **6:00 PM** and attendees will learn more about the activities that have taken place and will be able to ask questions. The adoption of the FEMA revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps will become effective on November 3, 2017.

You are being contacted because your property has been identified as potentially benefitting from this pending change and we look forward to seeing many Town residents at this meeting. However, if you are unable to attend the meeting please feel free to contact the Town Hall with any questions.

Sincerely,

Joel Maerten