



BOROUGH OF MANVILLE

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Mayor

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National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund
Attention: Suzanne Sessine

RE: Application for Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund
Assessment and Design of Nature-based Green Infrastructure Solutions for the Royce
Brook Watershed in Manville and Hillsborough, New Jersey

Dear Selection Committee,

Please accept this letter of support from the Borough of Manville for the application of funds for conducting site assessments and preparing preliminary designs for nature-based solutions in the Royce Brook Watershed. Manville is adversely affected by the Royce Brook during periods of heavy rains. Climate change is real but so is over development along with poor stormwater management practices of the past. Our South Main Street business district and surrounding residential homes receive substantial damage from Royce Brook flood waters. Emergency services, both our fire department and rescue squad buildings, are impacted also.

To some extent this is a man-made problem and will require a man-made solution. We are excited to partner with Hillsborough Township, Rutgers University, and the Watershed Institute to conduct site assessments for nature-based solutions in the Royce Brook Watershed and develop preliminary designs for meaningful projects that will help our community achieve climate resilience and dramatically reduce flooding. This plan will provide us a chance to address issues associated with the Royce Brook on a regional basis, which could result in significant savings for the Borough of Manville as we continue to address flooding in our community. We actively participate in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) and are a level 5 rated community.

The Borough of Manville fully supports this project and will participate as a stakeholder throughout the project period. We believe that the goals and outcomes of this project are in line with the NFWF Emergency Coastal Resilience Program and have added values that will lead to increased community resilience to future rain events as well as the protection and restoration of environmental resources and the creation of public green spaces.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard M. Onderko". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mayor Richard M. Onderko

CC: Borough Clerk Barras