

**Early Notice and Public Review of a Proposed
Activity in a 500-Year Floodplain**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the **Town of Moretown** has conducted an evaluation as required by **Executive Order 11988**, in accordance with HUD regulations at *24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management*, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain will have on the human environment for the Moretown Town Office. **The activity which will impact the floodplain is the building of a new Moretown Town Office to serve Moretown, Vermont. The office building is replacing the old office building that was damaged during Tropical Storm Irene. A Town Office Study Planning Committee worked for two years and concluded that this site is the most economically viable location for this building project. The building site will be elevated so that the structure is above the 500-year floodplain. The area impacted is in the 500-year floodplain which has a 0.2 percent-annual-chance-flood hazard. The total area of the floodplain to be impacted is 0.3 acres. The proposed project is adjacent to the Moretown Commuter Parking Lot next to Moretown Elementary School in Moretown, Washington County, Vermont.**

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by **the Town of Moretown** at the following address on or before May 15, 2014: **Town of Moretown, 19 Kaiser Drive, Waterbury, VT 05676** Attention: **Cheryl Brown**; 802-882-8219. Comments may also be submitted or further information can be requested via email at: mselectboard@moretownvt.net. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from **7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at **Moretown, VT town offices.**

Date: April 29, 2014