



**FEMA**

September 14, 2021

Dear Saratoga County Community Officials:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 2 is currently updating the Flood Insurance Rate Maps in your area. The Strategic Alliance for Risk Reduction (STARR II), a joint venture of Atkins, Stantec, and Dewberry, is FEMA Region 2's study contractor supporting the Risk MAP (Mapping, Assessment, and Planning) program. STARR II provides technical support to Region 2 for engineering analysis and floodplain mapping throughout Saratoga County, New York.

As part of the analysis, STARR II is performing hydraulic modeling of the streams within Saratoga County. To support this effort, they will be conducting detailed **field reconnaissance** of the riverine areas to determine conditions along the floodplains, the type and opening geometry of hydraulic structures, and other parameters needed for the riverine analysis. This work is expected to occur between **September 20 and October 15, 2021**.

This field reconnaissance will be conducted in areas where physical characteristics may not be apparent in existing aerial imagery. STARR II employees will make every effort to stay on public land and rights-of-way, however, it may be necessary to enter privately owned property for short periods of time to gather information on designated bridges and culverts. Should this occur in your community, an employee from STARR II will attempt to contact the property owner in advance and seek permission to enter their property. The field staff will respect the homeowner's property and will not interfere with their use of it. Upon request, the field staff will identify themselves by driver's license and this letter of introduction.

FEMA requests that residents of Saratoga County allow STARR II proper and safe access to the areas that are included in the scope of work. This will allow us to perform more accurate engineering and floodplain mapping.

If you have any questions, please contact STARR II Project Manager, David Sutley at (303) 951-0612 or myself at (202) 702-4273.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shudipto Rahman".

Shudipto Rahman  
Civil Engineer  
FEMA Region II