



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS, BUFFALO DISTRICT
1776 NIAGARA STREET
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14207-3199

March 1, 2022

Emergency Management

SUBJECT: Reinstatement of the Reno Beach Howard Farms, Ohio, Flood Risk Management Project into the USACE Public Law (PL) 84-99 Rehabilitation Program

Elvis Shepherd
Levee Superintendent
Reno Beach Howard Farms Conservancy District
9501 Jerusalem Road
Curtice, OH 43412

Dear Mr. Shepherd:

Effective as of the date of this letter, the levee system associated with the Reno Beach, Ohio, Flood Risk Management Project is reinstated as ACTIVE in the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Public Law (PL) 84-99 Rehabilitation Program.

Consistent with the interim guidance issued in 2014 (Interim Policy for Determining Eligibility Status of Flood Risk Management Projects for the Rehabilitation Program Pursuant to PL 84-99), USACE determines eligibility for the PL 84-99 Rehabilitation Program using a subset of inspection items (18 item checklist) in the existing USACE levee inspection checklist. These items must receive Acceptable or Minimally Acceptable ratings for the levee to be eligible for the PL 84-99 Rehabilitation Program.

An eligibility inspection was conducted by the Buffalo District and Conservancy District representatives on September 22, 2021 resulting in all items being rated as either Acceptable, Minimally Acceptable, or Not Applicable. There were no identified unacceptable ratings on the 18-item checklist. A copy of the checklist is attached.

It is noted that the Conservancy District has made outstanding progress in correcting unacceptable deficiencies and making improvements on this project in the past few years. This includes satisfactory completion of pipe videotape inspections, replacement of missing armor stone, and removal of unwanted trees, heavy brush, and vegetation on several areas of the levee.

Questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to the District's Levee Safety Program Manager, Robert W. Remmers, who can be contacted in writing at the above address, by telephone at 716-879-4277 or by e-mail at robert.w.remmers@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

Philip Stitzinger
Buffalo District Emergency Manager

Enclosure

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