



STATUS UPDATE

FEMA SPONSORED BUYOUT PROGRAM-PHASE 1

January 3, 2013

Earlier today, the Town of Union was copied on an e-mail from FEMA which indicated that the final approval letter for the Town's participation in the FEMA sponsored Buyout Program will be forwarded by FEMA to the New York State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) in approximately two weeks . A previous e-mail from FEMA in mid-December indicated that the final approval letter would be delivered to SEMO by the end of 2012. The Town of Union has consistently tried to inform residents who applied for the buyout program with the latest information regarding the status of the Town's application. The e-mail that was received this morning represents yet another delay given that the final approval letter was expected by the end of last year.

As soon as the final approval letter is received, the Town is prepared to commence the implementation of the buyout program. Bid packages for appraisals, surveying, and title searches have been prepared and will be formally bid as soon as the final approval letter is received. Town staff will be scheduling three meeting dates to review the buyout procedures and documentation requirements.

The new phone number for the buyout program is 786-2903. The e-mail address remains the same: srafferty@townofunion.com

The e-mail notice that was received today contained a link to the FEMA website which explains the buyout process. The link is:

<https://www.fema.gov/application-development-process/hazard-mitigation-assistance-property-acquisition-buyouts>