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Baltimore District
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Baltimore, MD 21201

cc: Mayor Jennifer Macksey, North Adams MA
Senator Edward Markey, Massachusetts
Senator Elizabeth Warren, Massachusetts
Congressman Richard Neal
Hoosic River Revival

Re: ACE Study of Options on Hoosic River flood control

Dear Mr. Chandler:

The undersigned are residents in the Eclipse Mill, situated on the edge of the Hoosic River flood chutes in North Adams, MA.. The Eclipse Mill, originally built in the 1800's for textile manufacturing, was renovated in the early 21st century as live/work artist studio condominiums.

As residents contiguous to the Hoosic River, we wish to add our voices to your assessment on how best to both upgrade the flood control system and to help restore the vitality and beauty of the river. We realize that we reside in a Climate Change disadvantaged area and are witnesses to an increased level of climate-related disasters around the US.

Specifically, we ask a swift completion of the ACE feasibility study and a presentation to all stakeholders of the proposed design and implementation plan. We appreciate the ability of all stakeholders to have access to review and provide feedback on the plans moving forward.

We value the impact and importance of the Hoosic River, both historically and into the future. Many residents witnessed the threats poised by the near-breaching of the river during Hurricane Irene in 2011 and the subsequent collapsing of flood chute panels.

We understand flood control is an important part of the ACE modernization project. Further, we believe the restoring the river to a more natural environment equally is an important part of economic revival of the North Adams region. Living alongside the two Eclipse dams that were constructed in 1956, we see both the value of flood control and the value of a natural environment. Above the larger dam, we see blue heron and egrets seeking fish, eagles nesting, and the river is stocked by the state with both rainbow and brown trout.

We hope the US Army Corps of Engineers will move forward rapidly in addressing the deteriorating flood system and allow for integrating public concerns into your plans.

For any questions, please contact Michael Bedford at mfbedford@hotmail.com.

Signed as Eclipse Mill residents at 243 Union Street, North Adams MA 02147.

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