

TO: City of Dacula Mayor and City Council Members

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SUBJECT: Ordinance to amend Chapter 10, Article II – Floodplain Management / Flood Damage Prevention

Per the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) audit of the City of Dacula's floodplain management ordinances, the Code of Ordinances must be amended to remain in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFIP is a FEMA-managed program that enables property owners to purchase flood insurance in communities that adopt and implement local floodplain management regulations.

The audit report suggests implementing minor amendments prior to FEMA releasing the new flood instance study (FIS) and flood insurance rate maps (FIRM) panels effective on April 11, 2024. Amendments include referencing current FIS data and widening the range of construction and manufactured homes included under the floodplain management program.

Staff recommends approving the proposed Ordinance to amend the Floodplain Management / Flood Damage Protection Ordinance effective immediately.