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Lower Paxton Township  
Board of Supervisors  
425 Prince Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17109

SWAN supports the enactment of the Lower Paxton Township Ordinance 11-02. This is a stand alone flood plain management Ordinance; if enacted, will take effect on August 12, 2012.

1. The Ordinance more clearly defines what can and cannot be done with respect to construction and repairs in delineated floor plain areas.
2. The Ordinance clearly defines procedures and responsibilities related to changes in or the establishment of delineated flood plain areas (one of SWAN's goals).

Since this is a significant change, we would suggest that the Township embark on an educational program for Township residents.

The criteria for establishing flood plain areas are the flood insurance study ("FIS") and the flood insurance rate map ("FIRM"). These are not household names. SWAN suggests that access to this information should be included in the Township newsletter and posted on the Township's web site.

Township residents, in particular those who have flood insurance, should be reminded to contact their insurance companies to determine exactly what is covered now and after the Ordinance is enacted.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Epstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eric" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Epstein".

Eric Epstein, Chairman  
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