



FEMA

November 14, 2019

Dear Tompkins County Community Officials:

STARR II – The Strategic Alliance for Risk Reduction (a joint venture of Atkins, Stantec, and Dewberry) is the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region II Office’s Study Contractor participating in the Risk MAP (Mapping, Assessment, and Planning) program. Currently, STARR II personnel are providing technical support to Region II for engineering analysis and floodplain mapping throughout Tompkins County, New York.

As part of the engineering analysis, STARRII is performing hydraulic modeling of streams within Tompkins County. To support this effort, from **November 19-21, 2019**, STARR II will be conducting detailed **field reconnaissance** of the riverine areas of the county to determine conditions along the floodplains, the type and opening geometry of hydraulic structures, and other parameters needed for the riverine analyses. STARR II will conduct detailed field reconnaissance in areas where physical characteristics may not be apparent in existing aerial imagery. STARRII employees will make every effort to stay on public land and rights-of-way, however, it may be necessary to enter privately owned property for short periods of time to gather information on designated bridges and culverts. Should this occur in your area, an employee from STARRII will make every attempt possible to contact the property owner in advance and seek permission to enter their property. Field staff will respect the homeowner’s property and will not interfere with their use of it. Upon request, the field staff will identify themselves by driver’s license and this letter of introduction.

FEMA requests that residents of Tompkins County allow STARR II proper and safe access to the areas that are included in the scope of work. This will allow us to perform more accurate engineering and floodplain mapping.

If you have additional questions, please contact STARR II Project Manager, Inger Sarappo at (615) 812-3597 or FEMA Region II Project Monitor Shudipto Rahman at (202) 702 4273.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shudipto Rahman".

Shudipto Rahman
Civil Engineer
FEMA Region II