South Carolina Emergency Management Division
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Applicant Certification

I, __________________________, (Print Name) __________________________, (Title) __________________________, of __________________________, (Town, city or County organization) __________________________ certify that all owners of property listed have been contacted and have voluntarily expressed a willingness to participate in the proposed project. Any structures elevated or retrofitted shall be covered by flood insurance for the life of the structure.

Additionally, the __________________________ (Town, city or County organization) __________________________ understands that any and all Property acquired under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program will be maintained by the applicant as open green space. All property acquired in this project will be governed by the following guidelines from the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 206.434(d):

(A) Property acquisition and relocation requirements. A project involving property acquisition or the relocation of structures and individuals is eligible for assistance only if the applicant enters an agreement with the FEMA Regional Director that provides assurances that:

1. The following restrictive covenants shall be conveyed in the deed to any property acquired, accepted, or from which structures are removed (hereafter called in section (d) the property):

   (i) The property shall be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity for uses compatible with open space, recreational, or wetlands management practices; and
   (ii) No new structure(s) will be built on the property except as indicated below:

      (a) A public facility that is open on all sides and functionally related to a designated open space or recreational use;
      (b) A rest room; or
      (c) A structure that is compatible with open space, recreational, or wetlands management usage and proper floodplain management policies and practices, which the Director approves in writing before the construction of the structure begins.

   (iii) After completion of the project, no application for additional disaster assistance will be made for any purpose with respect to the property to any Federal entity or source, and no Federal entity or source will provide such assistance.

2. In general, allowable open space, recreational, and wetland management uses include parks for outdoor recreational activities, nature reserves, cultivation, grazing, camping (except where adequate warning time is not available to allow evacuation),
temporary storage in the open of wheeled vehicles which are easily movable (except mobile homes), unimproved, previous (sic; should read “pervious”) parking lots, and buffer zones.

3. Any structures built on the property according to paragraph (d)(1) of this section, shall be flood-proofed or elevated to the Base Flood Elevation plus one foot of freeboard.

Any other use of acquired structures or properties must be approved by both the State and Federal Emergency Management Agencies’ Directors. (Please contact your State Hazard Mitigation Officer for further details)

Certified this ___(Day)___ day of ___(Month)____, ___(Year)______.

By_______________________________________________