



CITY OF TROUTDALE

"Gateway to the Columbia River Gorge"

June 26, 2017

Dear City of Troutdale Property Owner,

You are receiving this correspondence because City records indicate you own property located wholly or partially within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), commonly known as a 100-year flood zone. The City of Troutdale is located near the confluence of the Sandy and Columbia Rivers. In addition to these well-known waterways, numerous creeks and channels also comprise the designated SFHA. The primary flood hazard experienced in Troutdale is riverine flooding in proximity to these waterways. Ponding is also a possible threat for low-lying areas, and significant rain events can have a big impact on city infrastructure and our ability to properly handle flood waters.

Through the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP's) Community Rating System (CRS), the City of Troutdale provides this annual notice in an effort to inform property owners of the risks associated with living or developing on properties in the SFHA, as well as to provide information on your need for flood insurance. Through the mailing of this notice and other on-going efforts to educate citizens and minimize flood risk, the City's participation in the CRS has helped to reduce typical insurance premium rates of flood insurance policies by up to 15 percent per year since 2012.

The City of Troutdale encourages you to take time to read the information attached to this letter and to become acquainted with flood risks and regulations that govern development in the SFHA. Listed below are attached items to this letter, covering the following topics:

- a memo that details the City of Troutdale flood map services
- a memo on the mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements
- measures that can be taken for flood safety and property protection
- information on the Multnomah County Flood Warning System
- *Myths and Facts about the National Flood Insurance Program* (FEMA publication)
- *Why We Map Flood Risks* (FEMA publication)
- *Troutdale Champion* article
- Links and resources to additional flood-related topics

Please note that you will find these same resources and more information at the City's website (www.troutdale.info) as well as at City Hall (219 E Historic Columbia River Hwy) and at the Community Development Office (2200 SW 18th Way). The City also publishes flood-related topics in its bi-monthly *Troutdale Champion* newsletter.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your flood risk, the NFIP and flood insurance, development impacts, or related topics, please contact Certified Floodplain Manager Ryan Krueger with the City of Troutdale Community Development Department at ryan.krueger@troutdaleoregon.gov or at 503-674-7261. A site visit with the City's Floodplain Manager and additional City staff may also be arranged to answer questions and review potential floodplain concerns (e.g. drainage, sewer backflow, etc.), as well as to provide information on financial assistance for property protection measures.

Thank you for your attention to this important topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Young', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ray Young
City Manager