



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
1550 Earl Core Road, Suite 200
Morgantown, WV 26505

July 7, 2026

City of Mount Hope
P.O. Box 151
Mount Hope, WV 25880

Re: Notification of Existing Emergency Watersheds Protection Program Floodplain Easements (FPE) on Your Properties

Honorable Michael Kessinger & City Council Members:

Our records indicate that you are currently the landowner for sixty-six (66) Emergency Watersheds Protection Program Floodplain Easements (EWPP-FPE) one or more of which may be implicated in a proposed RV park project. The purpose of the EWPP-FPE program is to restore the floodplains to natural conditions to the maximum extent practicable. To assist in identifying your easements, attached please find a table of your EWP-FPE's Easement Agreement Numbers with their corresponding county tax parcel ID.

The Warranty Easement Deeds identify the abovementioned floodplain easements which were conveyed to the United States in perpetuity. Under the terms of these easements, the United States owns all rights, title, and interests in the land, except for the rights specifically reserved to you as the fee title landowner. Reserved rights are identified in part II of the Warranty Easement Deeds, and include record title, quiet enjoyment of easement area, control of access by the general public, undeveloped recreational uses, and subsurface resources with certain restrictions.

Please note that the easements specifically prohibit the following activities:

1. Haying, mowing, or seed harvesting for any reason;
2. Altering of grassland, woodland, wildlife habitat or other natural features by burning, digging, plowing, disking, cutting or otherwise destroying the vegetative cover;
3. Dumping refuse, waste, sewage, or other debris;
4. Harvesting wood products;
5. Draining, dredging, channeling, filling, leveling, pumping, diking, impounding, or related activities, as well as altering or tampering with water control structures or devices;
6. Diverting or causing or permitting the diversion of surface or underground water into, within or out of the easement area by any means;
7. Building or placing buildings or structures on the easement area;
8. Planting or harvesting any crop;
9. Grazing or allowing livestock on the easement area;
10. Disturbing or interfering with the nesting or brood-rearing activities of migratory birds; and
11. Receiving any disaster assistance from the Secretary of Agriculture.



Please note that installation of an RV park would be considered developed recreation and would also likely violate many of the above-listed restrictions and therefore would not be allowed under the EWPP-FPE program.

NRCS monitors all of its easements annually. Monitoring includes verifying current ownership, as well as offsite and onsite monitoring of easement conditions. Annual monitoring verifies compliance with deed terms and conditions and provides easement landowners an opportunity to discuss any concerns and potential improvements that would further the long-term protection and enhancement of easement habitat consistent with the purposes of the program and the terms of the Warranty Easement Deeds

If you have any questions regarding these easements, please contact Christi Hicks, Assistant State Conservationist for Water Resources, at (304)276-5636. We would be happy to speak with you about your easements and help in any way.

Sincerely,

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Christi Hicks
Assistant State Conservationist – Water Resources

Attachment: City of Mount Hope Emergency Watersheds Protection Program Floodplain
Easement Agreement Numbers with Corresponding Parcel IDs

cc: Darcy Delligatti, Easement Specialist, NRCS, Morgantown, WV
Julie Stutler, ASTC Field Operations, NRCS, Beckley, WV
Laura Smith, ASTC Programs, NRCS, Romney, WV

City of Mount Hope Emergency Watersheds Protection Program Floodplain Easement
Agreement Numbers with Corresponding Parcel IDs

Easement Agreement Number	Parcel ID
753D471000W2Q	10080012001900000000
753D4710015P6	10080006013700000000
753D4710015P7	10080012001000000000
753D4710015PC	10080009045300000000
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