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ELLA GRASSO

GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EIGHTEEN

WHEREAS, Connecticut has made substantial efforts to control floods and reduce potential flood hazards and losses, there nevertheless remains a potential for uneconomic use of Connecticut flood plains and potential damage or losses therefrom; and

WHEREAS, national, state and local studies of areas and property subject to flooding indicate a further increase in potential flood losses, even with continuing investment in flood protection structures; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has extensive and continuing programs for the construction of buildings, roads and other facilities and acquires and disposes of lands in flood hazard areas, all of which activities significantly influence patterns of commercial, residential, and industrial development; and

WHEREAS, the availability of programs for Federal loans and mortgage insurance, state financial assistance and land use planning are determining factors in the utilization of lands; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection is the state agency responsible for state level programs for flood prevention, flood control and flood protection, as provided by Chapter 477, Sections 25-69 through 25-98 and Chapter 478, Sections 25-106 through 25-109b of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection is the designated state coordinating agency as described in Section 1909.1 and Section 1910.25 (3) of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Insurance Administration published in the Federal Register, Volume 41, No. 207, October 26, 1976, to be responsible for state coordination and participation required by the Federal Insurance Administration under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ella Grasso, Governor of the State of Connecticut, acting by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the statutes of this state, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT:

Section 1. The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection is designated as the agency to provide implementation of Section 1910.12, Rules and Regulations of the Federal Insurance Administration, and will encourage a broad and unified effort to prevent uneconomic uses and development of the state's flood plains and in particular, to lessen the risk of flood losses in connection with state lands and installations and state financed or supported improvements. Specifically:

(1) Under the leadership and direction of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, all state agencies directly responsible for the construction of state buildings, structures, roads, or other facilities shall consistent with statutory authority preclude the uneconomic, hazardous, or unnecessary use of flood plains in connection with such facilities. In the event of construction in the flood plain, the flood plain management criteria set forth in Sections 1910.3, 1910.4, 1910.5 and 1910.6 of the National Flood Insurance Regulations shall apply as applicable.

(2) All state agencies responsible for the administration of grant or loan programs involving the construction of buildings, structures, roads or other facilities and, in order to minimize the exposure of facilities to potential flood damage and the needs for future state expenditures for flood protection and flood disaster relief, shall consistent with statutory authority preclude the uneconomic, hazardous, or unnecessary use of flood plains in such connection.

(3) All state agenices responsible for the disposal of lands or properties shall consistent with statutory authority evaluate flood hazards in connection with lands or properties proposed for disposal to other public instrumentalities or private interests.

(4) All state agencies responsible for programs which affect land use planning shall consistent with statutory authority encourage land use appropriate to the degree of hazard involved.

Section 2. As may be permitted by law, the head of each state agency shall issue appropriate rules and regulations to govern the carrying out of the provisions of Section 1 of this Order by his agency to be coordinated with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 3. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 1st day of June 1977.

Ella Grasso

ELLA GRASSO, Governor

Filed this 1st day of June 1977.

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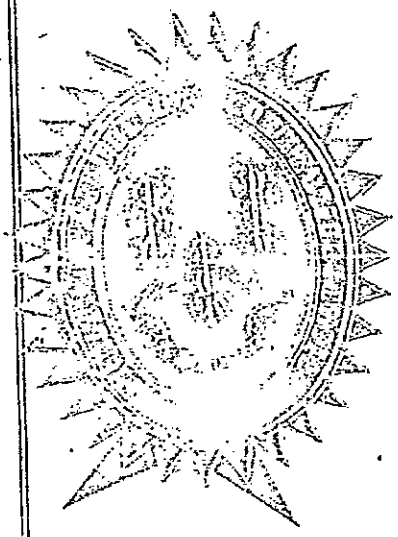
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