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Via Email Only

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To Whom it May Concern:

**Re: Niagara Peninsula Conservation's Comments on the "Technical Bulletin – Flooding Hazards: Data Survey and Mapping Specifications"  
ERO Number 019-4706**

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the "Technical Bulletin – Flooding Hazards: Data Survey and Mapping Specifications." The previous technical guidelines (River & Stream Systems: Flooding Hazard Limit) is from 2002, therefore, this update is timely.

Our technical staff have reviewed the technical bulletin and are supportive of the criteria and guidance provided therein. While we have no concerns with the technical direction provided in the draft document, we have a concern with the wording of the paragraph at the bottom of page two. It states:

"This Technical Bulletin is intended for use by municipalities, and for conservation authorities (CAs) providing flood hazard mapping services to municipalities within their jurisdiction, as well as by consultants or other service providers undertaking flood hazard data acquisition, surveying and mapping services for municipalities or CAs."

Our concern is that it implies that conservation authorities only undertake flood plain mapping as a service to municipalities. Conservation authorities are responsible for regulating development within flood plains, and therefore, undertake flood plain mapping for the purpose of implementing our own legislative mandate. We recommend that the wording of this paragraph be revised with similar wording to the following:

This Technical Bulletin is intended for use by municipalities, and for conservation authorities (CAs) in fulfilling their legislative mandate, as well as by consultants or other service providers undertaking flood hazard data acquisition, surveying and mapping services for municipalities or CAs.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed technical bulletin. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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