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VERNON'S REGIONAL CRUMBLING FOUNDATION TESTING PROGRAM BEGINS ***Informational Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019***

(Vernon, CT) Mayor Daniel A. Champagne announced today that the Hartford-based structural and civil engineering firm, Macchi Engineers, LLC, has been selected as the contractor for the regional crumbling foundation testing and reporting program. Funding for the program is provided by the Connecticut Department of Housing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and enables qualifying residents of Vernon, Ellington, and Stafford to have concrete foundations examined by a professional engineer for the presence of pyrrhotite.

“Owning a home provides a sense of safety and security,” said Mayor Champagne. “The residents of eastern Connecticut are facing the financial and emotional stress that their concrete foundations may contain pyrrhotite. The selection of an experienced structural engineering firm allows us to begin core testing for qualified homeowners,” he concluded.

To raise community awareness of the crumbling foundations core testing and reporting program, the Towns of Vernon, Ellington and Stafford will host an informational meeting on Wednesday October 2nd, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Vernon Town Hall Council Chambers, located at 14 Park Place on the third (3rd) floor. The meeting will offer information on the program as well as the opportunity to meet with representatives from the Towns and Macchi Engineering. This free event is open to homeowners of Vernon, Ellington, and Stafford and registration is not required.

“The Town of Ellington is pleased to partner with Vernon and Stafford to provide relief for those affected by crumbling foundations. I encourage affected and interested people to attend the public information session. Communities working together reinforces our capacity to assist residents who are coping with this crisis,” said Lori Spielman, First Selectman of Ellington.

“I am pleased to see that this joint effort to assist our residents has brought us one step closer in the foundation core testing process,” said Mary Mitta, First Selectman of Stafford. “We want to assure our residents that we will continue to work together, moving forward, in getting the homes tested.”

“Macchi Engineers, LLC, has been heavily involved in the inspection and testing of hundreds of crumbling foundations throughout Northeastern Connecticut,” said Michael Plickys, Professional Engineer and Principal in Charge. “We look forward to being involved in the implementation of this regional grant testing program established for the Towns of Vernon, Ellington and Stafford.”

For more information on the Regional Crumbling Foundations Testing Program, please contact Allison Maynard, Vernon’s Social Services Director at (860) 870-3567 or via email at amaynard@vernon-ct.gov.

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