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Press Release

Van Wert County Residents Invited to Attend Flood Map Open House

Members of the public can review preliminary flood maps and talk to experts about how the maps can affect communities and property owners

VAN WERT COUNTY, OHIO—Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a Virtual Flood Map Information Open House on March 4, 2021, for communities in Van Wert County. The Open House will give residents the chance to review preliminary versions of a recently completed Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and its accompanying preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

The FIS and the FIRMs provide base flood (also known as the 1-percent-annual-chance event) information, designate areas that are subject to significant flood hazards within areas of the county, and offer information that public officials may use when permitting development in the floodplain.

At the Virtual Open House, representatives from various local, state, and federal agencies will provide the most current information about flood risk, flood insurance, floodplain development regulations, and the process for floodplain mapping within Van Wert County. The newly prepared preliminary floodplain maps can also be reviewed at the meeting. Once the maps become effective, they will be used as the basis for flood insurance ratings as well as local flood protection regulations adopted under the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA also intends that they be used as tools to assist planning processes and outreach efforts to quickly respond to and recover from future events. Details for the Van Wert County meeting are as follows:

WHAT: Van Wert County—Public Open House meeting

WHEN: March 4, 2021, from 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. ET
Meeting ID: 970 1814 0144 , Password: 033331

WHERE:
<https://stantec.zoom.us/j/97018140144?pwd=akF4cmdzMmFjd2NnWkJrRG1QRko0Zz09>

Property owners, Realtors, lenders, and insurance agents are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation within their community. Digital files of the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report can be downloaded from www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata. For more information, contact the FEMA News Desk at FEMA-R5-News-Desk@fema.dhs.gov.

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