

Digital Preliminary Flood Maps for Martin and St. Lucie Counties Ready for Public Viewing

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ATLANTA--Residents and property owners in Martin and St. Lucie counties can see draft preliminary flood insurance rate maps for coastal areas at two public open houses on September 12-13, 2017.

Flood maps show the extent to which areas are at risk for flooding. When updated maps become effective, they help determine flood insurance and building requirements.

Learn about your risk of flooding and ask questions about what the new maps will mean for your property. You can meet one-on-one with specialists to discuss flood risk, flood insurance, engineering and more. Home and business owners, renters, real estate agents, mortgage lenders, surveyors and insurance agents are encouraged to attend.

The open house dates, times and locations are:

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 4-7 p.m.

Martin County

Indian River State College, Chastain Campus
Wolf High Technology Center
2400 S.E. Salerno Rd. Stuart, FL 34997

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 4-7 p.m.

St. Lucie County

Havert L. Fenn Center
2000 Virginia Ave. Fort Pierce, FL 34982

The new preliminary coastal maps were developed through a partnership between the communities and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. They are based on updated modeling data and show coastal flood hazards more accurately



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than older maps. The goal is to inform property owners and the community of their flood risks. Over time, flood risks change due to construction and development, environmental changes, watershed conditions and other factors. Flood maps are updated periodically to reflect these changes.

By law, federally regulated or insured mortgage lenders require flood insurance on buildings that are located in areas at high risk of flooding. Standard homeowners, business owners, and renters' insurance policies typically don't cover flood damage, so flood insurance is an important consideration for everyone. Flood insurance policies can be purchased from any state-licensed property and casualty insurance agent. Call the National Flood Insurance Program's Help Center at 800-427-4661 for more information.

If you need any reasonable accommodations at these open houses, please contact Henrietta Williams at 770-220-5311 to make arrangements not later than three days prior to the open house.

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