

Public Invited to Appeal or Comment on Flood Maps in El Reno, Oklahoma

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Denton, Texas— New preliminary flood risk information and an updated Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) are available for review by residents and business owners in El Reno. Officials encourage property owners to review the latest information to learn about local flood risks and potential future flood insurance requirements. Community stakeholders can identify any concerns or questions about the information provided and participate in appeal and comment periods for the maps.

The new flood hazard information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been generated in coordination with local community, state, and FEMA officials. Significant community review has already taken place, including a flood risk open house, where residents and business owners in the affected community were able to learn more about the new flood risk information and view the preliminary maps.

Appeals/Comments may be submitted beginning September 26, 2018 through December 24, 2018:

Appeals:

- City of El Reno

Residents may submit an appeal if they perceive that modeling or data used to create the map is technically or scientifically incorrect. An appeal must include technical information, such as hydraulic or hydrologic data, to support the claim.



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Appeals cannot be based on the effects of proposed projects or projects started after the study is in progress.

Comments:

- Portions of unincorporated areas of Canadian County

If property owners see incorrect information that does not change the flood hazard information—such as a missing or misspelled road name in the Special Flood Hazard Area - or an incorrect corporate boundary—they can submit a written comment.

The next step in the mapping process is the resolution of all comments and appeals. Once they are resolved, FEMA will notify communities of the effective date of the final maps.

Review the preliminary maps, as well as submit appeals and comments:

- Canadian County Administrative Offices, 201 North Choctaw Avenue, El Reno, Oklahoma 73036

The preliminary maps may also be viewed at the following locations:

View the map changes at <http://msc.fema.gov/fmcv>

- FEMA Map Service Center at <http://msc.fema.gov/portal>
- Use a live chat service about flood maps at <http://go.usa.gov/r6C> (just click on the “Live Chat” icon)
- Contact a FEMA Map Specialist by telephone; toll free, at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627) or by email at FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com.

Most homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover flood. There are cost saving options available for those newly mapped into a high-risk flood zone. Learn more about your flood insurance options by talking with your insurance agent, visiting <https://www.floodsmart.gov>, or calling 1-800-427-4661.



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