

Cook and Kane County Residents Invited to Attend Virtual Flood Map Information Open House

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CHICAGO – Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a virtual Flood Map Information Open House for communities in northwest Cook County and northeast Kane County, Illinois on March 30, 2022, from 4 – 6 p.m. CT. 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). Areas of focus are within the Poplar Creek and Spring Creek watersheds and include portions of Barrington Hills, Cook County (unincorporated areas), Elgin, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Schaumburg, South Barrington, Streamwood, Kane County (unincorporated areas) and South Elgin.

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.

During the 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 the Poplar Creek and Spring Creek watersheds. 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 meeting are as follows:

WHAT: Cook County and Kane County virtual Flood Map Information Open House (Poplar and Spring Creek watersheds)



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WHEN: March 30, 2022, 4 – 6 p.m. CT

WHERE: Visit www.zoom.com and enter the following meeting ID and passcode.

This requires registering for a free Zoom account or clicking the following link:

<https://illinois.zoom.us/j/89755790878?pwd=MVVTbFk3N3Y4dThXWW5wa0JGSnJuQT09>

Meeting ID: 897 5579 0878, Passcode: 604044

You may also call into the meeting using one of the following telephone numbers and entering the meeting ID and passcode shown above. Long-distance charges may apply.

312 626 6799

646 518 9805

651 372 8299

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 <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload/>.

If you need a reasonable accommodation (sign language interpreters, Braille, CART, etc.), please send an e-mail to FEMA-Region5-FloodInsuranceOutreach@fema.dhs.gov at least 48 hours before the event. Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fulfill.

For more information, contact the FEMA News Desk at FEMA-R5-News-Desk@fema.dhs.gov.

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