## **Ross County Residents Invited to Attend Flood Map Information Open House**

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**CHICAGO** – Representatives from FEMA will host a virtual Flood Map Information Open House for communities in Ross County, Ohio, on July 26, 2022, from 5 – 7 p.m. E.T. 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 Maps (FIRMs).

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

Experts at the virtual open house will help residents understand flood risk and flood insurance, floodplain development regulations and the mapping process in Ross 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 encourages public officials to use the maps to assist planning processes and prepare communities to quickly respond to and recover from future events.

WHAT: Ross County— virtual Flood Map Information Open House meeting for the public

WHEN: July 26, 2022, 5-7 p.m. ET

WHERE: Visit <u>www.zoom.com</u> and enter the following meeting ID and passcode. This requires registering for a free Zoom account or clicking the following link:

https://stantec.zoom.us/j/94836903698?pwd=dkpEZDRPQjhzU2NISCtxYSsxYm9ZZz09



(Meeting ID: 948 3690 3698 | Password: 668458)

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.

(301) 715-8592

(312) 626-6799

(646) 876-9923

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 <a href="https://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata">www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata</a>.

If you need a reasonable accommodation (sign language interpreters, Braille, CART, etc.), please send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:FEMA-Region5-">FEMA-Region5-</a>
<a href="mailto:FloodInsuranceOutreach@fema.dhs.gov">FloodInsuranceOutreach@fema.dhs.gov</a> 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 <u>FEMA-R5-News-Desk@fema.dhs.gov.</u>

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