

Marion County Residents Invited to Attend Virtual 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 Marion County, Indiana, on January 12, 2023, from 5 – 7p.m. ET. The virtual open house will give residents a chance to review preliminary versions of the 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 use to guide 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 Marion 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 flood events. Details for the Marion County meeting are as follows:

WHAT: Marion County—Virtual Flood Map Information Open House

WHEN: January 12, 2023, 5–7 p.m. ET

WHERE: Visit <https://fema.zoomgov.com> and enter the following: Meeting ID: 160 103 3579, Passcode: 892172. You may also call (551) 285-1373 and



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enter the meeting ID and passcode listed above.

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.

If you need a reasonable accommodation (sign language interpreters, Braille, CART, etc.), please send an email 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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