

# Metro East Residents Invited to Attend Flood Map Information Open House

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**CHICAGO** – Representatives from FEMA will host a Flood Map Information Open House for communities in Madison, Monroe and St. Clair counties, Illinois, beginning next week. Details for the meetings are as follows:

## **Monroe County—Flood Map Information Open House**

**WHEN:** January 17, 2023, 5:30–7:30 p.m. CT

**WHERE:** The View at 11 South  
1000 Eleven South, Suite 5A,  
Columbia, IL, 62236

## **Madison County—Flood Map Information Open Houses**

**WHEN:** January 18, 2023, 5:30-7:30 p.m. CT

**WHERE:** Granite City Township Hall  
2060 Delmar Ave.  
Granite City, IL 62040

**WHEN:** January 19, 2023, 5:30–7:30 p.m. CT

**WHERE:** Wood River Public Library  
326 E. Ferguson Avenue  
Wood River, IL, 62095

## **St. Clair County—Flood Map Information Open Houses**



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WHEN: January 24, 2023, 5:30–7:30 p.m. CT

WHERE: Clyde C. Jordan Senior Citizen Center

6755 State Street

East St Louis, IL, 62203

WHEN: January 25, 2023, 5:30–7:30 p.m. CDT

WHERE: Caseyville Community Center

909 South Main Street

Caseyville, IL, 62232

The open houses will give residents a chance to review preliminary versions of the recently completed Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports and their 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 open houses will help residents understand flood risk and flood insurance, floodplain development regulations and the mapping process in these counties. 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.

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](http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata).



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If you need a reasonable accommodation (sign language interpreters, Braille, CART, etc.), please send an email to [FEMA-Region5-FloodInsuranceOutreach@fema.dhs.gov](mailto: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](mailto:FEMA-R5-News-Desk@fema.dhs.gov).

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