

# Koochiching County Residents Invited to Attend Virtual Flood Map Open House

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**CHICAGO** – On March 23, representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a flood map information virtual open house for Koochiching County. The virtual open house will provide county residents with an opportunity to review a recently completed Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and its accompanying Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

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

The virtual open house will be staffed with representatives from state and federal agencies who will provide the most current information about flood risk, flood insurance, floodplain development regulations, and the process for floodplain mapping within Koochiching County. Once the maps become effective, they will be used as the basis for flood insurance as well as local flood protection regulations adopted under the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA also intends that they be used to assist planning processes and outreach efforts to increase resiliency in response to flood and storm events. Details for the Koochiching County meeting are as follows:

WHAT: Koochiching County Flood Map Information Virtual Open House WHEN: March 23, 2021, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. WHERE: Virtual Zoom Meeting: visit the Koochiching County Website for the link (<https://www.co.koochiching.mn.us/calendar.aspx>)

Property owners, realtors, lenders, and insurance agents are urged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation within their community. Digital files of the Preliminary FIRMs and FIS report can be downloaded at <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload/>. For more information, email the FEMA News Desk at [FEMA-R5-News-Desk@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R5-News-Desk@fema.dhs.gov).



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