

Public Invited to Appeal or Comment on Flood Maps in Hill County, Texas

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Denton, Texas— New preliminary flood risk information and updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are available for review by residents and business owners in Hill County. Officials encourage property owners to review the latest information to learn about local flood risks and potential future flood insurance requirements. Community stakeholders can identify any concerns or questions about the information provided and participate in appeal and comment periods for the maps.

The new flood hazard information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been generated in coordination with local community, state, and FEMA officials. Significant community review has already taken place.

Appeals/Comments may be submitted beginning September 27, 2018 through December 25, 2018:

Appeals:

- City of Abbott
- City of Covington
- City of Hillsboro
- City of Itasca
- Hill County Unincorporated Areas

Residents may submit an appeal if they perceive that modeling or data used to create the map is technically or scientifically incorrect. An appeal must include



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technical information, such as hydraulic or hydrologic data, to support the claim. Appeals cannot be based on the effects of proposed projects or projects started after the study is in progress.

Comments:

- City of Bynum
- City of Carl's Corner
- City of Mount Calm
- City of Whitney
- Town of Penelope

If property owners see incorrect information that does not change the flood hazard information—such as a missing or misspelled road name in the Special Flood Hazard Area or an incorrect corporate boundary—they can submit a written comment.

The next step in the mapping process is the resolution of all comments and appeals. Once they are resolved, FEMA will notify communities of the effective date of the final maps.

Review the preliminary maps, as well as submit appeals and comments:

- City Hall, 208 East Walnut Street, Abbott, Texas 76621
- City Hall, 402 Gathings Avenue, Covington, Texas 76636
- Community Development Department, 214 East Elm Street, Hillsboro, Texas 76645
- City Hall, 134 North Hill Street, Itasca, Texas 76055
- Hill County Courthouse, John W. Erwin Annex, 200 East Franklin Street, Suite 9, Hillsboro, Texas 76645 – For Hill County Unincorporated Areas and the Town of Penelope, Texas
- City Hall, 106 Saylor Street, Bynum, Texas 76631
- City Hall, 502 Cornelius Road, Carl's Corner, Texas 76645
- City Hall, 122 North Allyn Avenue East, Mount Calm, Texas 76673
- City Hall, 115 West Jefferson Avenue, Whitney, Texas 76692



The preliminary maps may also be viewed at the following locations:

- View the map changes at <http://msc.fema.gov/fmcv>
- FEMA Map Service Center at <http://msc.fema.gov/portal>
- Use a live chat service about flood maps at <http://go.usa.gov/r6C> (just click on the “Live Chat” icon)
- Contact a FEMA Map Specialist by telephone; toll free, at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627) or by email at FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com.

Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover flood. There are cost saving options available for those newly mapped into a high-risk flood zone. Learn more about your flood insurance options by talking with your insurance agent, visiting <https://www.floodsmart.gov>, or calling 1-800-427-4661.

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