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Press Release

Ashtabula County Residents Invited to Attend Flood Map Information Open House

Members of the public can drop in to review new preliminary floodplain maps and learn about flood risks in their community.

JEFFERSON, OHIO – Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a Flood Map Information Open House for the Lake Erie shoreline on December 6 in Ashtabula County. The 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 may use when permitting development in the floodplain.

The Open House will be staffed with representatives from various local, 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 Ashtabula County. The newly prepared preliminary floodplain maps will be on display. 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 for better resiliency in response to flood and storm events. Details for the Ashtabula County meeting are as follow:

WHAT: Flood Map Information Open House
WHEN: December 6, 2017 from 5:00-7:00pm
WHERE: Ashtabula County Courthouse Commissioners Room
25 W. Jefferson Street
Jefferson, Ohio 44047

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 www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata. For more information, contact Mark Peterson, FEMA's Director of External Affairs at (312) 408-4469.

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