



*A quarterly newsletter on FEMA's comprehensive coastal analysis, flood hazard mapping, and risk assessment and planning assistance for Great Lakes communities.*

## FEMA Announces Discovery Meetings

### What is a Discovery Meeting, and who should attend?

The Discovery Meeting is a focal point in FEMA's early coordination with communities. The meeting is high point in a process which reaches out to community and property stakeholders for disseminating information on study process and timelines, intake of local data and priorities, and exploration of data applications. For the **Great Lakes Coastal Flood Study**, this process encompasses a pre-meeting "Information Exchange" conference call, the field-based Discovery Meeting, and the posting of a Draft Discovery Report and Map for public review and comment. Participants in these conversations may include community leaders and officials involved in floodplain or coastal zone management, emergency management, GIS, public works, outreach and planning. Other participants will include property groups, local businesses, engineers, and regional planning and community service agencies.

In 2012, FEMA will conduct 24 Discovery Meetings in coastal communities along Lake Erie, Lake Michigan, and Lake St. Clair. The final schedule for all Discovery Meetings is listed in the inset and continues on the next page.



Partnership and exchange of information among FEMA, state and local communities and the technical community is vital to the success of defining coastal flood risk and building resiliency through community and hazard mitigation planning. The upcoming meetings follow a series of technical workshops held earlier this summer to share information on study methodology and seek feedback on technical issues.

### GREAT LAKES COASTAL FLOOD STUDY DISCOVERY MEETINGS: Lake Erie

Erie County, PA  
Wednesday, July 18, 2012 - 4 pm to 6 pm  
Tom Ridge Environmental Center, PA Sea Grant

Lake and Ashtabula County, OH  
Thursday, July 19, 2012 - 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm  
Lake County Emergency Operations Center

Erie and Lorain County, OH  
Wednesday, August 1, 2012 - 10 am to Noon  
Ritter Public Library

Sandusky and Ottawa County, OH  
Wednesday August 1, 2012 - 3 pm to 5 pm  
Oak Harbor Public Library

Cuyahoga County, OH  
Thursday, August 2, 2012 - 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
Cuyahoga County Public Library, Bay Village Branch

Lucas County, OH  
Thursday, August 9, 2012 - 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
Toledo Lucas Cnty Public Library, Point Place Branch

Monroe and Wayne County, MI  
Thursday, August 9, 2012 - 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm  
Woodhaven Community Center

### Lake Michigan

Mackinac County, MI  
Monday, August 13, 2012 - 1 pm to 3 pm  
St. Ignace Public Library

Delta, Schoolcraft, and Menominee County, MI  
Tuesday, August 14, 2012 - 2 pm to 4 pm  
Bay de Noc Community College, Rooms 958 & 962

Marinette and Oconto County, WI  
Wednesday, August 15, 2012 - 8:30 am to 10:30 am  
Oconto County Courthouse, Conf Room 1003 & 1004

Kewaunee, Door, and Brown County, WI  
Wednesday, August 15, 2012 - 2 pm to 4 pm  
Neville Public Museum

Sheboygan, Manitowoc, and Ozaukee County, WI  
Thursday, August 16, 2012 - 8:30 am to 10:30 am  
Lakeshore Technical College; Wells Fargo Conf Room

Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha County, WI  
Thursday, August 16, 2012 - 2 pm to 4 pm  
Milw. Metro Sewerage District, Commission Room

### Information Exchange Sessions

In order to make the Discovery Meetings effective, FEMA wants to provide an opportunity for pre-Discovery Meeting conference calls with local communities. The conference call information will be included in the Discovery Invitation letters mailed to local community officials. The sessions will begin the process of learning about local data availability and what the critical issues are for the Great Lakes communities.

### Discovery and Initial Coordination Meetings

The Discovery Meetings are intended to inform community officials and the general public of the **Great Lakes Coastal Flood Study** goals and process, to talk about flood risk and mitigation opportunities, and to solicit input on issues critical for execution. During the meetings, FEMA will:

- ✓ Provide an overview of the Study and the Discovery process.
- ✓ Share ideas on how the data compiled for the Study can advance local, State, and Federal capability in public safety, hazard mitigation, and asset management.
- ✓ Utilize a Discovery Map to help identify existing local coastal data, coastal areas of concern, and mitigation action opportunities.
- ✓ Discuss how the study may affect your community as it relates to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- ✓ Host interactive stations for draft coastal transect review and mitigation resources, strategies, and actions.

### Discovery Report and Map

The final outputs of this Discovery process will include a Discovery Report and Discovery Map. The Discovery Report will summarize coastal flood risk data and mitigation information collected and analyzed through the Discovery process. The report will also discuss the next steps in the **Great Lakes Coastal Flood Study** and will outline how data collected may be used to develop future coastal flood risk products. The Discovery Map will depict the spatial data collected and will be used to help identify areas of coastal concern and mitigation opportunities. Draft and final versions of these products will be available for review prior to and after the meetings, respectively. The stakeholders will be provided a 45-day review period, during which they may submit comments or questions to FEMA. Communities are encouraged to utilize these final products to assist in planning efforts.

#### Lake Michigan (continued)

Cook and Lake County, IL  
Thursday, August 23, 2012 - 9 am to 11 am  
Northwestern University, The Norris Center, Louis South Room

LaPorte, Lake, and Porter County, IN  
Monday, September 10, 2012 - 9 am to 11 am  
City Hall Commission Chambers

Vanburen and Berrien County, MI  
Monday, September 10, 2012 - 2 pm to 4 pm  
Berrien County Administrative Building

Ottawa and Allegan County, MI  
Tuesday, September 11, 2012 - 9 am to 11 am  
Ottawa County Fillmore Street Complex Board Rm

Oceana and Muskegon County, MI  
Wednesday, September 12, 2012 - 9 am to 11 am  
Louis A. McMurray Conf. and Trans. Center

Manistee and Mason County, MI  
Wednesday, September 12, 2012 - 3 pm to 5 pm  
Ludington City Hall Community Room

Grand Traverse, Benzie, and Leelanau County, MI  
Thursday, September 13, 2012 - 1 pm to 3 pm  
Grand Traverse County Training Room

Antrim, Charlevoix, and Emmet County, MI  
Friday, September 14, 2012 - 9 am to 11 am  
Bellaire Community Hall

#### Lake St. Clair

St. Clair County, MI  
Monday, August 20, 2012 - 8:30 am to 10:30 am  
Goodells County Park Comm. Center Meeting Rm

Macomb County, MI  
Monday, August 20, 2012 - 2 pm to 4 pm  
Robert A. VerKuilen Building

Wayne County, MI  
Tuesday, August 21, 2012 - 2 pm to 4 pm  
Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald Branch

Check <http://greatlakescoast.org> for addresses of above locations and for more information.  
All listed times are local time.

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