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Press Release

Grand Traverse County Residents Invited to Coastal Flood Map Open House

Members of the public can review preliminary flood maps showing the Lake Michigan shoreline and talk to experts about how the maps can affect communities and property owners

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, MI. — On Oct. 20 and 22, representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a Virtual Flood Risk Open House for the Lake Michigan shoreline communities in Grand Traverse County. The Open House will give residents the chance to review preliminary versions of a recently completed Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and its accompanying preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

This FIS report and FIRM provide information on the base flood (also known as the 1-percent-annual-chance event) and on the areas of the shoreline that are subject to significant flood hazards. They also offer information that public officials will use when managing development in the floodplain.

At the Virtual Open House, representatives from various local, state, and federal agencies will be available to provide the most current information about flood risk, flood insurance, floodplain development regulations, and the process used to map Grand Traverse County's floodplains. The newly prepared maps can be reviewed. Once these maps become effective, they will be used as the basis for flood insurance rates and for local floodplain management ordinances adopted under the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA also encourages public officials to use the effective maps as tools to assist planning processes and outreach efforts, to prepare the community to quickly respond to and recover from future events. Details for the Grand Traverse County meetings are as follow:

WHAT: Grand Traverse County – Public Open House meeting

WHEN: October 20 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. ET
Meeting ID: 915 7637 4114, Password: FEMA20

October 22 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. ET
Meeting ID: 928 8098 6543, Password: FEMA22

WHERE: <https://zoom.us/join>

In the United States, 98 percent of counties have experienced a flooding event. Property owners, Realtors, lenders, and insurance agents are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about coastal 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. For more information, contact the FEMA News Desk at FEMA-R5-News-Desk@fema.dhs.gov.

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