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# Press Release

## **Milwaukee County Residents Invited to Attend Flood Map Information Open House**

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

Milwaukee County, Wisconsin – Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a Flood Map Information Open House for Milwaukee County on October 11, 2022. 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) for the Milwaukee River Watershed and Lake Michigan coastal areas.

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 Milwaukee 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 Milwaukee County meeting are as follows:

WHAT: Milwaukee County Flood Map Information Open House  
WHEN: October 11, 2022, from 4:00-7:00pm  
WHERE: Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85871745563?pwd=bDNzc2orTitycWJscnhlamtBZFZUQT09>  
- Meeting ID: 858 7174 5563  
Passcode: 341650

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 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](http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata) or viewed via the Map Service Center (MSC) Preliminary Map Change viewer, at <https://msc.fema.gov/fmcv>.

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