## **NEWS RELEASE**

## **Door County Residents Invited to Flood Map Open House**

Community residents can join virtual meetings to review new flood maps with experts, learn how to address their future flood risk, and help protect life and property

DOOR COUNTY, WI. — Reducing the impacts from severe weather events and other natural disasters is a priority for local, state and federal officials. On April 7 and 12, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will hold virtual Open House meetings to introduce Door County residents to their updated flood maps.

FEMA, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Door County community officials invite residents to join them at the meeting. Residents can attend at any time to hear about the mapping process. They can also review preliminary versions of the <u>Flood Insurance Study</u> (FIS) report and the <u>Flood Insurance Rate Map</u> (FIRM).

WHAT: Door County – Virtual Open House to Review New Flood Maps

**WHEN**: April 7 and 12, 2022, 5-8 p.m. CT

WHERE: Zoom Passcode: 2022 or Phone: +16692545252,,1617768604#

Experts at the virtual Open House will help residents understand flood risk and flood insurance, floodplain development regulations and the mapping process. Residents can meet with experts one-on-one to view their own addresses on the new maps. They'll learn about their specific risk and ways to help prevent flood loss.

Once effective, the maps will inform flood insurance rates and local floodplain management rules adopted under the <u>National Flood Insurance Program</u>. FEMA encourages public officials to use the maps to assist planning processes and prepare communities to quickly respond to and recover from future events.

Property owners, Realtors, lenders and insurance agents will benefit from this opportunity to learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation in Door County.

The preliminary FIRM and FIS report are available to view <a href="here">here</a>.

For more information, contact the FEMA Region 5 News Desk at <u>FEMA-R5-News-Desk@fema.dhs.gov</u>. For virtual Open House questions, contact Leslie Jones at <u>leslie.jones@ogilvy.com</u>.