

Know Your Flood Risk:

New FEMA Coastal Flood Maps Ready for Review.

Public Open House Scheduled for: February 26th 2015 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

At: O.C. Southern Service Center, 179 S. Main St., Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Dateline: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released updates to the coastal flood maps, known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS) for Ocean County. These updates were primarily issued to Ocean County and the incorporated areas on 3/28/2014. The firms indicate flood-prone coastal areas in Ocean County, and insurance companies use FIRMS to determine flood insurance rates for buildings and contents. Ocean County residents and property owners are encouraged to learn more about their flood risk and the updates shown on the preliminary maps.

Ocean County will hold a public Coastal Flood Risk Open House on the updates at Ocean County Southern Service Center (see above for address). Using interactive flood maps at this Open House, representatives from the State, County and Twp of Ocean - Waretown as well as FEMA and their mapping partners, will be available to answer flood risk and insurance questions, and explain the preliminary maps.

Flooding is the number one natural disaster in the United States; it is vital for property owners to understand their risk, and take advantage of tools and programs available to them, including flood insurance, to help reduce flooding impacts.

The preliminary maps that will be shared at the Open House are an update of the existing FIRM, which dates back to September 2006. These preliminary FIRMS and the associated Flood Insurance Study (FIS) provide the basis for flood risk education and floodplain management measures.

Ocean County is required to adopt updated maps to continue participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which makes flood insurance available to the community.

As a result of these map updates, some buildings in Ocean County may, for the first time, be included in a high risk flood zone, known as the Special Flood Hazard Area or SFHA. This may result in mandatory purchase of flood insurance for those property owners who are affected. FEMA staff will be at the Open House and will be available to talk to property owners about these updates and what it means to them.

Additional information is available at www.co.ocean.nj.us and more information including links to the interactive mapping website can be found on www.region2coastal.com.

Residents with additional questions can contact:

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Know Your Flood Risk:

Do you know your flood risk? Local and County Officials are hosting a Coastal Flood Risk Open House to provide citizens in Ocean County with an opportunity to learn more about newly updated flood maps, known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMS). Both; Ocean County and Township of Ocean – Waretown Officials, as well as FEMA Representatives, will be on hand to answer citizens' questions about the updated maps, the mapping process, flood risk and flood insurance.

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Residents will be able to locate their property on the updated maps and view the changes as compared to the current FIRM. Once residents view this information, they can talk to members of the flood hazard mapping team, flood insurance specialists and local, ocean county and state officials about the maps, the process and the flood insurance.

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For more information or to access the mapping portal where you can view the updated maps, visit: www.region2coastal.com

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