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Wayne County Flood Risk Information Open House Scheduled

General public invited to review preliminary floodplain maps and learn about risk in their community

CHICAGO - Representatives from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), will be hosting a Flood Risk Information Open House on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne County Administration Building, 2'd Floor Meeting Room, 428 West Liberty Street, in Wooster, Ohio. 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).

The FIS and the FIRMs provide base flood information, delineate areas subject to significant flood hazards within the county, and offer information 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 Geauga County. The newly prepared preliminary floodplain maps will be on display. Once the maps become effective, these maps will be used by floodplain permit officials, builders and developers, lenders, realtors, insurance agents, and the general public to determine food risk, develop mitigation measures, and encourage wise and responsible risk management decision-making.

Property owners, realtors, lenders, and insurance agents are urged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation within their community. For more information, contact Julia McCarthy, Map Modernization Program Specialist, at (312) 408-5518.

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