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## **News Release**

## **Delaware County Residents Invited to Attend Flood Map Open House**

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

**CHICAGO** – Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a Virtual Flood Map Information Open House for communities in Delaware County, Ohio, on June 14, 2022, from 5 – 7 p.m. ET. 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 Maps (FIRM).

The FIS and the FIRMs provide base flood (also known as the 1-percent-annual-chance event) information, designate areas that are subject to significant flood hazards within areas of the county, and offer information that public officials may use when permitting development in the floodplain.

At the virtual open house, representatives from various local, state, and federal agencies will provide the most current information about flood risk, flood insurance, floodplain development regulations, and the process for floodplain mapping within Delaware County. The newly prepared preliminary floodplain maps can also be reviewed at the meeting. Once the maps become effective, they will be used as the basis for flood insurance ratings as well as local flood protection regulations adopted under the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA also intends that they be used as tools to assist planning processes and outreach efforts to quickly respond to and recover from future events. Details for the Delaware County meeting are as follows:

WHAT: Delaware County—virtual Flood Map Information Open House

WHEN: June 14, 2022, 5-7 p.m. ET

WHERE: Visit <a href="www.zoom.com">www.zoom.com</a> and enter the following meeting ID and passcode.

Meeting ID: 964 4657 4002 | Password: 696955

https://stantec.zoom.us/i/96446574002?pwd=RFk2dktweDV60S94b0RybDMrajJu

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You may also call into the meeting using one of the following telephone numbers and entering the meeting ID and passcode shown above. Long-distance charges may apply.

(301) 715 8592 US (312) 626 6799 US

(646) 876 9923 US

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 <a href="https://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata">www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata</a>.

If you need a reasonable accommodation (sign language interpreters, Braille, CART, etc.), please send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:FEMA-Region5-FloodInsuranceOutreach@fema.dhs.gov">FEMA-Region5-FloodInsuranceOutreach@fema.dhs.gov</a> at least 48 hours before the event. Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fulfill.

For more information, contact the FEMA News Desk at FEMA-R5-News-Desk@fema.dhs.gov.

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