

NOTICE:

Know Your Flood Risk: New FEMA Flood Maps for Gloucester County Ready for Review. Open Houses Scheduled. *Public Open Houses scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th and Thursday, March 26th, 2015.*

–The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region II office released updates to the flood hazard maps, known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), for Gloucester County. These updates were preliminarily issued to Gloucester County and incorporated areas on September 19th, 2014. The FIRMs identify areas that have flood risk in Gloucester County. Insurance companies use FIRMs to determine flood insurance rates for buildings and their contents, and lenders utilize this information to determine flood insurance requirements. Gloucester County residents and property owners are encouraged to learn more about their flood risk and the updates shown on the preliminary flood hazard maps by looking up their property's address in the "What's my BFE" tool at www.region2coastal.com.

Gloucester County will hold a public Flood Risk Open House on the updates at the Paulsboro Fire House, 1502 Swedesboro Avenue, Paulsboro, NJ 08066 on March 26th, 2015. No presentation will be made, so attend the Open House any time between the hours of 4PM - 8PM. No appointment is required.

Camden County will also hold a public Flood Risk Open House on the updates, from 4PM to 8PM. Residents and property owners of Gloucester County are invited to attend this event if they cannot make the one on Thursday evening:

- Wednesday, March 25th, 2015 at the Camden County Boathouse, 7050 North Park Drive, Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Using interactive flood hazard maps at this Open House, representatives from the State, County, and FEMA and their mapping partners, will be available to answer flood risk and insurance questions, and explain the preliminary flood hazard maps. Residents are encouraged to bring their elevation certificates and/or flood insurance policies to the event in order to get the best information about how their flood insurance may change as a result of the new preliminary flood maps.

The following information will **not** be available at these event: Disaster-related recovery efforts and outstanding insurance claims.

Please plan to attend this event if your property is currently mapped within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), newly mapped into an SFHA, and/or if you currently have flood insurance. If you are unsure of your flood risk, please refer to the Preliminary FIRMs which are available on the FEMA Map Service Center website, <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) or your local flood plain administrator or building official.

If you are in a high-risk flood zone, known as the SFHA, you may be required by your lender to carry flood insurance. FEMA staff will be available at the Open House to talk about these changes.

Flooding is the number one natural disaster in the United States. It is vital for property owners to understand their risk and taking advantage of tools and programs available to them. Property owners can take action by purchasing flood insurance and implementing mitigation actions to help reduce future flooding impacts.

The preliminary flood hazard maps that will be shared at the Open House are an update of the existing FIRMs. These preliminary FIRMs and the associated Flood Insurance Study (FIS) provide the basis for flood risk education and floodplain management measures. Gloucester 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.

For additional information on flood hazard risk and the mapping process, please visit www.region2coastal.com.

Have you seen your Updated Flood Hazard Maps?

Flood Risk Open Houses have been scheduled for your area!

Join Camden and Gloucester Counties, New Jersey DEP, and FEMA to have your questions answered about:

- How you are affected by the updated flood hazard maps
 - Your Flood Risk
 - Flood Insurance
 - Flood Risk Mitigation

No presentation will be made, so please stop by either event any time between the hours of 4PM and 8PM:

Wednesday, March 25 th	Thursday, March 26 th
Camden County Boathouse 7050 North Park Drive Pennsauken, NJ 08109	Paulsboro Fire House 1502 Swedesboro Avenue Paulsboro, NJ 08066

Parking is available

Bring your Flood Insurance Policy and/or Elevation Certificate to learn how the new flood maps may affect you.

*The following information will **not** be available at this meeting:
Outstanding insurance claims and disaster-related recovery efforts*

For more information, visit www.region2coastal.com



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DO YOU KNOW YOUR FLOOD RISK?

Learn more at the Coastal Flood Risk Open House

Gloucester County is hosting an Open House to show new flood maps to residents and business owners in the area. In addition, Camden County is hosting an identical Open House that is also open to Gloucester County residents to attend.

Bring your flood insurance policy and/or elevation certification to the event in order to learn about your changing flood risk and what the new flood maps mean to you.

Camden County Flood Risk Open House

March 25th, 2015
Camden County Boathouse
7050 North Park Drive
Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Gloucester Flood Risk Open House:

March 26th, 2015
Paulsboro Fire House
1502 Swedesboro Avenue
Paulsboro, NJ 08066

There will be no formal presentations, so please stop by the event anytime between the hours of 4PM - 8PM.

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County, NJDEP, and FEMA representatives will be available to answer your questions regarding your flood risk, flood insurance, and flood risk mitigation.

Contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) or visit www.region2coastal.com to learn more information about your flood risk and flood insurance.

Social Media Messages

1. Know your coastal flood risk! Come Thursday, March 26th 2015 to Open House at the Paulsboro Fire House, 1502 Swedesboro Avenue, Paulsboro, NJ 08066. during 4PM - 8PM to view updated flood maps.
2. Coastal flood risks are changing. See updated flood maps on Thursday, March 26th 2015 at 4PM - 8PM at Open House: Paulsboro Fire House, 1502 Swedesboro Avenue, Paulsboro, NJ 08066
3. Do you need flood insurance? Come Thursday, March 26th 2015 to Open House at Paulsboro Fire House, 1502 Swedesboro Avenue, Paulsboro, NJ 08066 to view updated flood maps.
4. Learn more about Gloucester County new flood maps. Open House on Thursday, March 26th 2015 at the Paulsboro Fire House, 1502 Swedesboro Avenue, Paulsboro, NJ 08066.
5. Everyone is at risk of flooding. Learn more about your flood risk on the new flood maps. Open House on Thursday, March 26th 2015 at Paulsboro Fire House, 1502 Swedesboro Avenue, Paulsboro, NJ 08066, 4PM - 8PM.
6. Updated flood maps now show current hazards in Gloucester County. Join us for Open House.

7. Everyone lives in a flood zone. Yours may have changed. Open House on Thursday, March 26th 2015 at Paulsboro Fire House, 1502 Swedesboro Avenue, Paulsboro, NJ 08066, 4PM - 8PM.
8. Has your flood risk changed? Updated flood maps are out. Open House on Thursday, March 26th 2015 at Paulsboro Fire House, 1502 Swedesboro Avenue, Paulsboro, NJ 08066, 4PM - 8PM. NOTICE

Do you know your flood risk? If you live or work in Gloucester County, you should attend a Flood Risk Open House to learn more about your risk and the updated FEMA flood maps. Local, County, State, and FEMA officials will be available to answer your questions about the maps and flood insurance.

These two events are available for Camden and Gloucester County residents to attend:

Camden County Flood Risk Open House

March 25th, 2015
Camden County Boathouse
7050 North Park Drive
Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Gloucester Flood Risk Open House:

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Contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) or visit www.region2coastal.com to learn more information about your flood risk and flood insurance.

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Do you know your flood risk? Attend an Open House hosted by Gloucester County. Get answers to your questions about updated coastal flood maps and flood insurance – Thursday, March 26th, 2015 at the Paulsboro Fire House, 1502 Swedesboro Avenue, Paulsboro, NJ 08066. There will be no formal presentations, so please stop by the event anytime between the hours of 4PM - 8PM.

Gloucester residents are also invited to attend the Open House in Camden County, NJ. For more event information, visit www.region2coastal.com.

Do you know your flood risk? Local and County officials are hosting a Flood Risk Open House to provide citizens in Gloucester County with an opportunity to learn more about newly updated flood maps, known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). Both Gloucester County and community officials, as well as NJDEP and FEMA representatives, will be on hand to answer citizens' questions about the updated maps, the mapping process, flood risk, and flood insurance.

Gloucester County will hold this Open House at the Paulsboro Fire House, 1502 Swedesboro Avenue, Paulsboro, NJ 08066 on Thursday, March 26th, 2015. There will be no formal presentations, so please stop by the event anytime between the hours of 4PM - 8PM.

In addition, Camden County will hold an identical public Flood Risk Open Houses on the updates. Residents and property owners of Gloucester County can feel free to attend this event if they miss the one in their county:

- Wednesday, March 25th, 2015 at the Camden County Boathouse, 7050 North Park Drive, Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Residents are encouraged to bring their flood insurance policy and/or elevation certificates to the meeting in order to get the most accurate information regarding how the new flood maps will affect them. 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, county, and state officials about the maps, the process, and flood insurance.

Flooding is the number one natural disaster in this State. It is vital for property owners to understand their risk and take advantage of tools or programs available to them, including flood insurance, to help reduce flooding impacts. The new maps in Gloucester County are an update of the existing FIRM, which dates back over 30 years in some places. The FIRM and the associated Flood Insurance Study (FIS) provide the basis for communicating and identifying risk and for floodplain management measures. Gloucester County is required to adopt updated maps to continue participating in the NFIP, which makes flood insurance available to the community.

As a result of these map updates, some buildings in Gloucester 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 those affected property owners being required to purchase flood insurance.

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