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Washtenaw County Flood Risk Information Open House Scheduled

General public invited to find out more about floodplain management in their community

CHICAGO – Representatives from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be hosting a Flood Risk Information Open House on Wednesday April 30 2008, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Ypsilanti Township Hall in the board room, 7200 S. Huron River Dr. Ypsilanti, MI. 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 offers 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 Washtenaw 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 John Devine at 312-408-5567.

FEMA manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident, initiates mitigation activities and manages the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA works closely with state and local emergency managers, law enforcement personnel, firefighters and other first responders. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.

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Flood Risk Information Open House

Washtenaw County Residents ARE YOU AT RISK?

- Devastating floods occur throughout the U. S. every year causing more than \$2 billion in damage
- You have a 26% chance of experiencing a flood during the life of a 30-year mortgage compared to a 9% chance of a fire
- Floods and flash floods occur in all 50 states!
- Losses due to flooding are not covered under most homeowners or business policies...

Find out your risk... By attending this important Flood Risk Information Open House, you will have the opportunity to locate your home on the soon to be published Flood Insurance Rate Maps, and obtain valuable information on flood insurance coverage offered through the National Flood Insurance Program. On hand will also be representatives from your local community, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, who will address any questions you may have and provide you with *ways you can protect your home and loved ones from future flooding.*

PLEASE JOIN US!

Wednesday, April 30th,
4:30-6:30 p.m.

Ypsilanti Township Board Room
7200 S. Huron River Dr.
Ypsilanti, MI

