Hardin County Residents Invited to Attend Flood Map Information Open House

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CHICAGO -- Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a Flood Map Information Open House on Nov. 9, 2022, for communities in Hardin County, Ohio. The open house will give residents the chance to review preliminary versions of a recently completed Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and its accompanying preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

The FIS and the FIRMs provide base flood (also known as the 1%-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 Hardin 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 Hardin County meeting are as follows:

WHAT: Hardin County—Flood Map Information Open House meeting for

the public

WHEN: Nov. 9, 2022, 5-7 p.m. ET

WHERE: Jacob Parrot Safety and Security Center, Russell Ludwig

Conference Center 1025 S. Main St., Kenton, OH 43326



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 www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata.

If you need a reasonable accommodation (sign language interpreters, Braille, CART, etc.), please send an e-mail to FEMA-R5-NFIPOutreach@fema.dhs.gov 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 <u>FEMA-R5-News-Desk@fema.dhs.gov.</u>

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