

# Paulding County, Ohio Residents Invited to Attend Flood Map Open House

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**CHICAGO** – Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a Virtual Flood Map Information Open House on May 5, 2021, for communities in Paulding County. 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 Map (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 Paulding 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 Paulding County meeting are as follows:

**WHAT:** Paulding County—Virtual Flood Map Information Open House meeting

**WHEN:** May 5, 2021, from 5:00 p.m.to 7:00 p.m. ET

**WHERE:** Visit [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) and enter the following meeting ID and passcode. This requires registering for a free Zoom account.

Meeting ID: 945 2672 7822, Password: 646957



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<https://stantec.zoom.us/j/94526727822?pwd=bGZRNjhVOVE4eDZHQjc2YlIzRDd6dz09>

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

(312) 626-6799

(646) 876-9923

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](http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata).

The electronic version of materials from this meeting will be accessible to people with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation (sign language interpreters, Braille, CART, etc.), please make your request at least 48 hours before the event. Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fulfill. Send an email with any reasonable accommodation request to [FEMA-Region5-FloodInsuranceOutreach@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Region5-FloodInsuranceOutreach@fema.dhs.gov).

For more information, contact the FEMA News Desk at [FEMA-R5-News-Desk@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R5-News-Desk@fema.dhs.gov).

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