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Press Release

Dane County Flood Risk Information Open House Scheduled

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

Cross Plains -- Representatives from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), in cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will be hosting a Flood Risk Information Open House on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library at 2107 Julius Street in Cross Plains, WI. This Open House will provide the public with an opportunity to review a recently completed preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and its accompanying preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) that include base flood information and areas subject to significant flood hazards within the county. Also included in the FIS and the FIRMs is information utilized by public officials when permitting development in the floodplain. Please note, there will not be a presentation at the Open House, rather this is an opportunity to view the preliminary maps and FIS in preparation for the upcoming comments and appeals period.

The Open House will be staffed with representatives from various local and state agencies, to provide you the most current information about flood risk, flood insurance, floodplain development regulations, and the process for floodplain mapping within Dane County communities. New preliminary floodplain maps have been prepared and will be on display. Once the maps become effective in approximately one year, these maps will be used by floodplain permit officials, builders and developers, lenders, realtors, insurance agents and the general public to determine flood risk, develop mitigation measures, and encourage wise and responsible risk management decision-making.

Property owners, realtors, lenders, and insurance agents are encouraged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation within their community. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact Colleen Hermans, at (608) 264-8988 or Gary Heinrichs at (608) 266-3093, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Floodplain Planners.

FEMA prepares the nation for all hazards and manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, trains first responders, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.



FEMA

Flood Map Information Open House

Dane 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.

Understand your risk. By attending this important Flood Map Information Open House, you will have the opportunity to locate your home on soon to be published preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and obtain valuable information on flood insurance coverage offered through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). On hand will be representatives from FEMA, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and your local community 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, June 11
Starting at
6:00 pm

Rosemary Garfoot Public Library
2107 Julius Street
Cross Plains, Wisconsin

