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#### *Property Owners Invited to Floodplain Map Open House Virtual Meetings April 7<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>.*

Sturgeon Bay, WI, March 23, 2022 – On April 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will hold virtual Open House meetings to introduce Door County property owners to the county's updated floodplain maps.

**WHAT:** Virtual Open House Meetings to Review New Flood Maps for Door County, WI

**WHEN:** April 7 and 12, 2022, 5-8 p.m. (Central Time)

**TO JOIN VIA COMPUTER:** Go to <https://fema.zoomgov.com/j/1617768604>. Click on "Join Meeting." A screen will pop up requesting the meeting passcode, which is 2022.

**TO JOIN VIA PHONE:** Dial-in number: 1-669-254-5252. Passcode (enter manually on phone's keypad): 1617768604#

FEMA, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Door County community officials invite property owners to attend the virtual meeting. Interested persons can join in at any time during the virtual meeting hours to hear about the mapping process.

Experts at the virtual Open House will help property owners understand flood risk and flood insurance, floodplain development regulations, and the mapping process. Property owners can meet with experts one-on-one to view their own addresses on the new maps. They'll learn about their specific risk and ways to help prevent flood loss. Real estate agents, lenders, and insurance agents will also benefit from this opportunity to learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation in Door County.

The new maps are currently considered to be in draft form, although no changes are likely to be made to the maps beyond corrections (e.g., road and water body names). Once effective, the maps will inform flood insurance rates and local floodplain management rules adopted under the National Flood Insurance Program (<https://www.floodsmart.gov/>).

The National Flood Insurance Program requires that local governments have a floodplain zoning program certified by FEMA and the DNR in order for persons with properties in mapped floodplain areas to be able to obtain federally-backed mortgages for those properties. The County of Door Land Use Services Department administers the county floodplain zoning ordinance in the 14 towns, while the incorporated areas of the county (the City of Sturgeon Bay and the four villages) administer their own floodplain zoning programs. The floodplain maps and accompanying regulations which must be adopted in order to achieve certification are provided to the local governments by FEMA and the DNR.

For additional information about this process, contact the FEMA Region 5 News Desk at [FEMA-R5-News-Desk@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R5-News-Desk@fema.dhs.gov).

For virtual Open House questions, contact Leslie Jones at [leslie.jones@ogilvy.com](mailto:leslie.jones@ogilvy.com).

To see the updated flood maps and flood risk for your property, visit this link and enter your address: <https://msc.fema.gov/fmcv>.

Visit the Door County Land Use Services Department website, <https://www.co.door.wi.gov/164/Land-Use-Services> for additional resources. Information will be added or updated as it becomes available.

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