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REVIEW DRAFT FLOODPLAIN MAPS AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC MEETINGS

Residents and business leaders in Wake County communities can review and discuss the latest flood hazard maps and flood risk data at four public meetings during the month of October.

Now available digitally, preliminary flood hazard information is layered on top of the county's parcel data so property owners can better determine potential risks to their land.

Open house events will be held at the following locations:

Monday, October 5th, 5 – 7 pm

[Holly Springs Cultural Center](#)

300 West Ballentine Street, Holly Springs

Thursday, October 8th, 6 pm – 8 pm

[Wake Forest Town Hall](#)

301 S. Brooks St., Wake Forest

Wednesday, October 7th, 7 pm – 9 pm

[Barwell Park Community Center](#)

5857 Barwell Park Drive, Raleigh

Thursday, October 15th, 4 pm – 8 pm

[Bond Park Community Center](#)

801 High House Rd., Cary

The public meetings provide an opportunity for residents to see the results of the revised studies and new flood hazard areas. County and municipal employees will be on hand to help residents locate their particular properties from the flood hazard data and determine the level of flood risk. Representatives from the NCFMP will make a short presentation on the flood study process, how the new digital hazard data can be used to reduce future flood losses and how the preliminary hazard data may impact flood insurance and floodplain management. Attendees will also see a demonstration of the North Carolina Flood Risk Information System. Following the presentation, state emergency management representatives will be available to answer questions about the hazard data update process, flood insurance coverage and floodplain management.

The North Carolina Floodplain Mapping Program was established in 2000, with a mandate to update flood hazard data for all 100 counties. Through a partnership with FEMA, the state was charged with creating and maintaining the Flood Insurance Study for

all North Carolina communities. Since 2003, the NCFMP has analyzed, updated and digitized the flood hazard data for all 100 counties and associated communities in North Carolina. This preliminary flood hazard data was developed based on local community requests for new flood hazard risk studies for the updated streams. Only those portions of the revised streams have been updated. Therefore, some communities in the county will not have new flood hazard data, although adjacent counties may have some updates due to the seamless statewide format for the mapping program.

Residents can access the flood hazard data online at <http://fris.nc.gov/fris>. Digital flood hazard data can also be viewed at <http://maps.wakegov.com/femacompare/index.html>. For more information, contact the Wake County Environmental Services Department at 919-856-7541, or the North Carolina Floodplain Mapping Program (NCFMP) at 919-825-2341.

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