

Press Release

Open House for FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps

You might have already heard about the newly-proposed flood insurance rate maps that FEMA has drafted that affect much of Ocean City from the previous flood hazard zones. You may have questions about whether your property is still in a flood zone or proposed to be removed; when the proposed flood zone maps will be approved and what the process is to make the proposed maps effective.

These and other questions can be answered by attending the Proposed Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Open House at Ocean City's Roland E. Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, on March 12, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 PM. There will be two opportunities to attend one of two presentations given at 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM that will answer many questions. After the presentation you can speak with representatives from the Maryland Department of the Environment, FEMA, and the Ocean City Department of Planning and Community Development to help clear up any concerns you may have regarding your flood zone and how the new maps may affect your property.

The proposed maps will also be displayed where you can speak with a government representative about your concerns.

Information is available online at the Maryland Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps Outreach website: www.mdfloodmaps.com

It's recommended that you purchase a flood insurance policy, even if you're not required to do so. More information can be found on the National Flood Insurance Program's website at: www.FloodSmart.gov

Contact the Ocean City Planning & Community Development Department at 410-289-8798 or 8942.