

WAYNE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS **FLOODPLAIN MAP MODERNIZATION PROJECT**

A multi-year project to re-examine Wayne Townships flood zones and develop detailed, digital flood hazard maps has been completed. Released for public review, the new maps—also known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs)—reflect current flood risks, replacing maps that are up to 28 years old. As a result, property owners throughout the Lawrence County/Wayne Township will have up-to-date, reliable, Internet-accessible information about your flood risk, on a property-by-property basis.

The new maps help promote public safety.

These flood hazard maps are important tools used in the effort to protect lives and properties in Wayne Township. By showing the extent to which areas of the Lawrence County/Wayne Township and individual properties are at risk for flooding, the flood maps help business owners and residents make more informed decisions about personal safety and financially protecting their property. These maps also allow community planners, local officials, engineers, builders and others to make determinations about where and how new structures and developments should be built.

When do the maps become effective?

The maps are still preliminary. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns you need to get that information to Wayne Township by December 20, 2010; the Township then has until January 2, 2011 to forward those comments to the State. This is a time when citizens will have the opportunity to submit technical and/or scientific data to file a protest regarding their individual property, or an appeal regarding the accuracy of the mapping process in general. To learn more about protests and appeals, visit www.rampp-team.com.

Once the appeals and protests are reviewed and once any needed map changes are incorporated, FEMA will issue a Letter of Final Determination. Six months later, and ordinance approving the new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map will be adopted. The maps will then become effective, as will any new flood insurance requirements. However, please be aware that starting immediately these flood hazard maps will be used in helping to determine requirements for construction and development.

Here's where to go for more information.

From the date of this notice until December 20, 2010, any resident can contact the Wayne Township offices for any questions, comments, or concerns. Local government staff and/or consultant will also be available to assist residents on a one-on-one basis should you request, these one-on-one contacts need to be made by appointment at the Township. You may also stay up-to-date and look up your parcel on the new map by visiting www.rampp-team.com. For general information about the flood map modernization project you can also visit www.floodsmart.gov

Should you have any problems accessing or viewing the website information please contact the Township to set up a one-on-one meeting to view these websites.

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