

## A Flood Risk Open House Meeting

- Hosted by the Coastal Community with support from FEMA and the State
- Provides local residents and business owners the opportunity to discuss the map changes with local officials, the State, and FEMA
- Lasts about three hours
- Publicized by the community on TV, in newspapers, on websites, by direct mailing, and/or through social media

### Stations Include

- Welcome/Check-in
- Property Identification on New Maps
- Community Map Review
- Flood Insurance Info
- Reference Materials
- Mitigation Ideas

# RiskMAP

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## HELPING RESIDENTS UNDERSTAND RISK



## Coastal Flood Risk Community Open House

*A shared opportunity to inform local stakeholders about mapping changes in their community.*

*Hosted by a partnership of local, state and federal governments.*

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# FEMA



## Increasing Resilience Together

### FEMA Provides

#### Information about flood risk and resilience

- Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)
- Subject-matter experts
  - Study engineers
  - Insurance specialists
  - Mitigation planners
  - Outreach specialists
- Informational materials
- Signage for stations, parking, and finding meeting room
- Computers and printers



A Coastal FIRM shows Special Flood Hazard Areas (dark gray), Other Flood Areas (light gray) and the Limit of Moderate Wave Action (dotted white line)

### The State Provides

#### Experience with local communities

- Staff from State NFIP Coordinator's Office
- Knowledge of local flooding issues
- Knowledge of State and local floodplain building codes

### The Flood Risk Open House

provides an opportunity for local residents and business owners to visit with community and county officials, the State and FEMA to learn:



officials, the State and FEMA to learn:

- about the current mapping project,
- what the new maps means to them,
- what options are available if they are affected, and
- where to obtain more information.

This is a collaborative effort among FEMA, the State and local communities. In order for the open house to be successful it is important to pool resources and plan well in advance of the meeting. Planning and outreach normally takes 6 to 8 weeks to ensure sufficient time for advertising and tailoring the open house to meet community needs.

A committee is formed consisting of FEMA, the State, and the local partners who meet through teleconference and webinar to discuss roles, responsibilities, and troubleshoot details that may arise during the planning phase.



### Local Partners Provide

#### Local presence and relationships

- The meeting facility, tables, and chairs
- Promotion of Open House via press releases, websites, letters, postcards, newsletters, and/or social media
- Notification to local news media and to interested elected officials
- Appropriate staff
  - Chief executive officer or designee
  - Floodplain administrator
  - Emergency managers
  - Planners
  - GIS and public outreach specialists
- Audio-visual equipment
- Internet connectivity
- IT Support

### Additional Resources

#### **r3coastal.com**

Coastal study information, meeting information, email notification sign-up, additional resources

#### **maps.riskmap3.com**

Flood Information Portal for locating properties

#### **msc.fema.gov**

Preliminary Maps posted for public viewing