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# Press Release

## **Monroe County Residents Invited to Attend Flood Map Information Open House**

*Members of the public can drop in to review new preliminary floodplain maps and learn about flood risks in their community.*

Monroe, MICHIGAN – Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a Flood Map Information Open House for Monroe County on September 19. The Open House will provide county residents with an opportunity to review a recently completed preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and its accompanying preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

The FIS and the FIRMs provide base flood (also known as the one percent annual chance event) information, designate areas that are subject to significant flood hazards within the county, and offer information that public officials may use when permitting development in the floodplain.

The Open House will be staffed with representatives from various local, state, and federal agencies who will provide the most current information about flood risk, flood insurance, floodplain development regulations, and the process for floodplain mapping within Monroe County. The newly prepared preliminary floodplain maps will be on display. Once the maps become effective they will be used as the basis for flood insurance as well as local flood protection regulations adopted under the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA also intends that they be used to assist planning processes and outreach efforts for better resiliency in response to flood and storm events. Details for the Monroe County meeting are as follow:

WHAT: Monroe County Flood Map Information Open House  
WHEN: September 19, 2018 from 5:00-7:00pm  
WHERE: Michigan State University Monroe County Extension Services  
963 S. Raisinville Road  
Monroe, MI 48161

Property owners, realtors, lenders, and insurance agents are urged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation within their community. Digital files of the Preliminary FIRMs and FIS report can be downloaded at [www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata](http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata). For more information, contact Mark Peterson, FEMA's Director of External Affairs at (312) 408-4469.

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