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Flood Insurance Rate Maps: Presentation to the public of the proposed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for Delray Beach.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a federal program through FEMA intended to reduce flood damage through locally adopted and enforced floodplain regulations and provide protection for property owners by enabling the purchase of federally-backed flood insurance. FEMA is responsible for administering the NFIP and periodically updates information on flood hazards. In 2013, FEMA initiated the Coastal Flood Risk Study Project for the South Florida Study Area, which includes Palm Beach, Broward, MiamiDade and Monroe Counties. In December 2019, FEMA published preliminary FIRMs for eastern Palm Beach County. FIRMs and associated Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports provide information on the existence and severity of flood hazards that are used to establish flood insurance premiums. Members of the public can review the existing and proposed maps (attached) to understand if the there are any changes that include their property. Some properties are proposed to be removed from the boundary and others have a proposed elevation adjustment. If a property owner would like to appeal a proposed change that impacts their property, the appeal request shall be submitted in writing to the Chief Building Official no later than Friday, July 9, 2021. Appeal requests will be reviewed by City Staff, which must then be submitted to FEMA no later than July 15, 2021, which is the end of FEMA's 90-day appeal period.

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Resources: Understanding Flood Map Updates, https://www.floodsmart.gov/flood-map-zone/map-changes

Flood Hazard Determination Notices for Preliminary Flood Insurance Studies, Physical Map Revisions, and Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs), https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp

FEMA Website: https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps