

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Jason E. Brown  
County Administrator

**THROUGH:** Stan Boling, AICP  
Community Development Director

**FROM:** Roland M. DeBlois, AICP  
Chief of Environmental Planning and Code Enforcement

**DATE:** February 23, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Upcoming FEMA Open House for Public Review of Proposed Revisions to Certain Flood Insurance Rate Maps in Indian River County

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners formally consider the following information at the Board's regular meeting of March 6, 2018.

**BACKGROUND**

In Indian River County and elsewhere, Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) identify the location of Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) which are based on 100-year floodplains. Those flood maps are used regularly by the public for flood insurance purposes and by county staff in regulating development in SFHAs.

In 2012, after a number of public workshops and meetings, Indian River County's FIRMs were updated as part of a nationwide "map modernization project" undertaken by FEMA. The map modernization process entailed assessment of current available flood studies and use of up-to-date high resolution aeriels to revise the County's flood maps to be more accurate and useable in depicting flood zones.

Over the past several years, FEMA has conducted and is now completing two flood risk study projects that affect flood hazard areas identified in Indian River County. Those projects are titled as follows:

- Coastal Flood Risk Study for the East Coast Central Florida Study Area; and
- Levee Analysis and Mapping Procedure (LAMP) analysis and mapping for central Indian River County.

As a result of the two projects, a number of FIRMs encompassing central and coastal Indian River County are being revised to reflect findings of the projects (see map, Attachment 2). The proposed revisions remove some properties and add other properties to designated flood hazard areas, with more properties being removed than added (example: Vero Lake Estates).

**Open House for Review of New Flood Hazard Maps**

FEMA, in coordination with County staff and School District staff, has scheduled and is hosting an Open House on March 21, 2018 at Sebastian River High School for the public to attend and learn about the proposed flood hazard map revisions. A notice of the Open House has been placed on Indian River County's website home page (ircgov.com), and County GIS staff are developing a map application to post on the website for the public to access and review the proposed revisions on-line.

**Public Open House**  
**Wednesday, March 21, 2018, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sebastian River Senior High School Cafeteria**  
**9001 Shark Boulevard, Sebastian FL**

Attachments 1, 2 and 3 to this memorandum provide more information about the scheduled Open House.

**RECOMMENDATION**

No action is required or recommended; this notice is for informational purposes only.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Notice of Open House.
2. Map of area with proposed FIRM revisions.
3. February 16, 2018 FEMA letter.