

Lauderdale County Flood Risk Open House

General public provided opportunity to find out more about floodplain management

(Jackson, Miss.) -- The Mississippi Flood Map Modernization Initiative Team will host a Flood Risk

Open House from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at the Lauderdale County

Courthouse Annex, located at 410 Constitution Avenue in Meridian. The team, which includes representatives from the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the Mississippi Department of

Environmental Quality, and Mississippi Geographic Information LLC, will be available to address

questions from the public.

The open house will provide the public with an opportunity to review the recently completed preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and its accompanying preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps

(FIRMs) that include base flood information and identification of areas subject to flood hazards within

the county.

Local and state officials will be present to provide information about flood risk, flood insurance, floodplain development requirements, and the process used for floodplain mapping. Once the preliminary FIRMs become effective, these maps will be used by floodplain permit officials, builders

and developers, lenders, realtors, insurance agents, and the general public to determine flood risk.

Streams with areas of new floodplain mapping include: Bucatunna Creek, Coats Creek, Long Creek,

Rodgers Creek and Suqualena Creek Tributary 4. Property owners, realtors, lenders, and insurance

agents are encouraged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about flood risk

and hazard mitigation.

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