

Newton 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 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at the Newton County

Courthouse, located at 92 West Broad Street in Decatur. 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. The maps for Newton County and its incorporated communities are also available for viewing at the MDEQ web site at:

<http://geology.deq.state.ms.us/floodmaps/status.aspx?county=Newton>

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.

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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