

## **Stone 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 Monday, January 25, 2010, at the Stone County Courthouse, located at 323 East Carvers Avenue in Wiggins. 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 Stone 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=Stone>

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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