

SHORT NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

Lincoln County's Flood Maps Are Changing

New flood hazard maps for Lincoln County are ready for public review. The preliminary maps are the result of a multi-year project to develop accurate and detailed digital flood maps for the Upper Savannah Watershed based on data from the latest mapping and modeling technologies. They are being released by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) under Georgia Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and communities throughout Lincoln County. The new maps reflect current flooding risks, replacing maps that are based on dated studies, of which some are more than 30 years old. Revisions to these mapping products may affect residents and business owners in Lincoln County.

Residents and businesses will want to be aware of how the maps are changing, and how the changes may affect new construction and rebuilding decisions, as well as requirements for flood insurance. To help property owners better understand the project and changes, a public Open House is being held June 27th in the Lincoln County EMA Building on 1056 Global Drive in Lincolnton from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. No formal presentation will be made so residents and business owners can visit at their convenience to view the new maps, understand how their properties may be affected, review options that they have and learn more about financial and material steps that they may need to take to protect their investment.

For those who cannot attend, the maps are available at www.GeorgiaDFIRM.com or they can visit the **Lincoln County EMA Building at 1056 Global Drive, Lincolnton, GA 30817** during normal business hours or call **706-359-4855**.