RICHLAND COUNTY FLOOD MAP UPDATES

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FEMA 90-Day Appeal & Comment Period

THE FEMA APPEAL & COMMENT PROCESS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires a 90-day public Appeal & Comment Period for proposed flood map (Flood Insurance Rate Map) changes. Public review of proposed flood map changes is an important part of the map update process because it ensures that map data is as accurate as possible. The Appeal & Comment Period for this project is projected to begin Fall 2017.

APPEALS

An Appeal is made when there is a technical issue with a FEMA preliminary flood map. Some common types of Appeals include a flood elevation objection or a delineation of floodplain boundary dispute.

Appeals often require supporting documentation such as an Elevation Certificate, topographic map, engineering study, photographs, etc. Visit www.fema.gov and search "Criteria for Appeals of Flood Insurance Rate Maps" for more information about Appeals.

COMMENTS

A Comment is made when a map error is found on a FEMA preliminary flood map. Some common types of Comments include the correction of a street name, city limit boundary, etc. Comments do not generally require supporting documentation.

The 90-Day Appeal & Comment Period is projected to begin Fall 2017. You may only submit an Appeal or Comment during the official Appeal & Comment Period.

If you have an Appeal or Comment, Richland County **encourages you to begin organizing materials early so that you are prepared for the 90-Day Appeal & Comment Period.**

TENTATIVE PROJECT TIMELINE

2015–2016
Technical data collected and analyzed

EARLY 2016
Draft floodplain maps produced

FEBRUARY 2017
Preliminary FEMA Flood Maps produced

AUG–NOV 2017
FEMA Appeal and Comment Period
90 days

LATE 2017
Appeals and Comments resolved

SPRING 2018
New FEMA Flood Maps finalized

FALL 2018
New FEMA Flood Maps become effective

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