

October 16, 2024

# Peoria County, IL Open House Outreach Materials

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## Messages

1. Do you live on or own property in Peoria County? If so, this is an important update. A Flood Map Information Open House will be held on November 7 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Peoria Public Library – Main Branch. This Open House will give you a chance to learn about your updated flood risk and get your questions answered by experts.
2. Do you know your updated flood risk? Experts will be at an upcoming Open House to answer questions about updated flood maps. Everyone is invited to attend and learn about their flood risk on November 7 any time between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM at the Peoria Public Library – Main Branch.



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## Social Media Examples

# Flood Map OPEN HOUSE



New preliminary flood maps have been released for Peoria County, Illinois. Attend the Flood Map Open House to learn about your risk of flooding and how your property may be impacted.

### When

Thursday, November 7, 2024  
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. CT

### Where

Peoria Public Library - Main Library  
LL2 Auditorium  
107 NE Monroe St., Peoria, IL 61602



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# Your community's flood risk has changed.



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Enter your address to see the updated flood maps at <https://msc.fema.gov/fmcv> or <https://go.isws.illinois.edu/peoriaCSLF>. If you cannot attend the Open House, reach out to the FEMA Flood Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) at 877-336-2627, via email, or via chat. A map specialist can help answer your questions.

# Flood maps are changing.



FEMA



Learn if your home is in a newly mapped flood zone. Look up your address on the updated FEMA flood maps at <https://msc.fema.gov/fmcy>, <https://go.isws.illinois.edu/peoriaCSLF>, or call 877-336-2627. #knowyourfloodrisk



# New flood risk maps are coming to your area.



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Learn about your flood risk at the upcoming Open House. Experts will be on site to answer your questions. Look up your address on the updated FEMA flood maps at <https://msc.fema.gov/fmcv> , <https://go.isws.illinois.edu/peoriaCSLF>, or call 877-336-2627. #knowyourfloodrisk.

## Web Site Notice:

### Peoria County, IL

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is updating the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for Peoria County, Illinois and Incorporated Areas. Your property may be within an area impacted by these mapping updates. The <<Insert Community Name>> <<Example: City of Peoria >> encourages you to attend the upcoming Flood Map Open House to learn more.

FEMA is hosting the Open House on November 7, 2024. Staff will be available to provide information about your specific property. You will have the opportunity to speak with FEMA staff, the State National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Coordinator, local officials, and members of the Illinois State Water Survey project team who will provide information about flood risk, flood insurance, and floodplain development regulations.

#### Open House Details

**WHAT:** Peoria County FEMA Flood Map Open House

**WHEN:** November 7, 2024, from 4:00–7:00 PM

**WHERE:** Peoria Public Library, Main Library - LL2 Auditorium, 107 NE Monroe Street, Peoria, IL 61602

#### More information

Property owners, realtors, lenders, and insurance agents are also encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about flood risk within our community. You can view or download the Preliminary FIRM panels from <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload>.

Enter your address to see the updated maps at <https://msc.fema.gov/fmfv>. If you cannot attend the Open House, reach out to the FEMA Flood Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) at (877) 336-2627, via email, or via chat. A map specialist can help answer your questions.

Learn about flood insurance at: <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance> or <https://www.floodsmart.gov/>.

# Talking Points for Community Officials

## Overview

- Over the past few years, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been working to update our county's flood risk information, including a revised Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) indicating the areas of our communities most vulnerable to flood risk.
- 135 streams were studied or re-delineated as part of the Peoria County project. The recently released preliminary maps represent a more comprehensive, collaborative re-examination of the County's flood zones.
- At the upcoming Open House, FEMA's partners will be available to discuss the new flood hazard map released in late July 2024. These experts can explain what this means for our community and your property and will answer questions.
- The outcome of this multiyear process will be more up-to-date, digital information that helps us understand our community's current flood risk and protect the places we love from the damage of future floods, including public spaces, businesses, and properties.
- Flood risks change over time due to changes in land use, development, or other factors. It's important for the information available in our community to reflect the changes so that we can rely on it to identify actions we can take to protect our community from future risk.

## About the Risk Mapping, Assessment, And Planning (Risk MAP) Effort

- Risk MAP is a nationwide effort designed to provide communities like ours with more precise flood hazard maps, risk assessment tools, planning, and outreach support to enhance our local mitigation plans and strengthen our ability to make informed decisions about reducing flood risk.

## Benefits of Map Updates

- Flooding can be dangerous and costly. The new maps will provide a more complete picture of the risk that affects our community so we can take action to address it.
- For example, builders and developers can use the updated map data to determine where and how to build structures more safely to protect them from flood damage. Real estate agents will be better equipped to inform clients of any factors that may affect properties and make them aware of upcoming changes in flood risk status and flood insurance requirements.

## Upcoming Milestones

- **90-day Public Appeal Period:** Estimated to begin Spring 2025
  - During the official 90-day appeal period, members of our community, including homeowners, landowners, business owners, and lessees can submit appeals and comments based on scientific

and/or technical data that would justify revising the preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and flood map.

- **Maps become effective:** Estimated Fall 2026 [timeline is subject to change depending on appeals received]

### Where to Find More Information

- View or download the Preliminary FIRM panels from <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload>.
- Enter your address to see the updated maps at <https://msc.fema.gov/fmfv>. If you cannot attend the Open House, reach out to the FEMA Flood Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) at (877) 336-2627, via email, or via chat. A map specialist can help answer your questions.
- Visit <https://www.illinoisfloodmaps.org/>, to learn more about the Peoria County project. At this site you can download the preliminary maps, see what areas of Peoria County will change (see Changes Since Last FIRM section), and listen to previous meeting recordings.
- Visit [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov), which provides an overview of the National Flood Insurance Program, how to purchase a flood insurance policy, and how to find a flood insurance agent in the area.
- Attend the upcoming Open House at the Olney Public Library.

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