

## **FEMA Update of Flood Hazard Information Continues for Coastal Communities in East Coast Central Florida**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) [Regional Office in Atlanta](#) is performing a coastal flood risk study for the East Coast Central Florida Study Area (Brevard, Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie Counties) to provide people who are living and working in coastal communities in these counties with a more accurate picture of their flood hazard and associated risk.

Since the project began in October 2011, the FEMA-led Project Team has held technically focused outreach meetings to share interim results from the coastal analyses with community floodplain administrators (FPAs) and other interested community officials at key milestones. FEMA has scheduled another set of technical outreach meetings, called Flood Risk Review Meetings, as follows:

- Brevard County, March 30, 2017
- Indian River County, March 28, 2017
- Martin County, March 29, 2017
- St. Lucie County, March 28, 2017

Following the March meetings, FEMA will provide Preliminary copies of updated Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports to community officials for review and will schedule Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) Meetings with community officials and Flood Risk Open Houses for the public. Based on its current schedule, FEMA anticipates holding the CCO Meetings and Open Houses during late spring or early summer 2017.

Information on past and future meetings as well as the process for making the updated digital FIRMs, FIS reports, and associated products available to community officials, residents, and other stakeholders is provided in a Fact Sheet titled “Coastal Flood Risk Study Meetings.” That Fact Sheet is accessible through the [Information for East Coast Central Florida Study Area](#) page on the FEMA Region IV Coastal Analysis and Mapping Web Portal.

To learn more about the methodology being applied and the progress of the coastal flood risk study, visit the dedicated page cited above and other portions of the Web Portal, which is accessible through [www.southeastcoastalmaps.com](http://www.southeastcoastalmaps.com). The Web Portal provides access to an extensive array of useful information and resources for community officials, residents, and other stakeholders in floodprone coastal areas.

When completed, community officials will be able to use the FIRMs, FIS reports, and other flood hazard information to improve local planning activities. Builders and developers will be able to use the information to make decisions on where to build and how proper construction can reduce flood risk. Insurance agents, insurance companies, real estate agents, and lending institutions will use the information for insurance rating purposes and to help residents better understand how flood hazards affect their property. Property owners and renters will be able to use the flood hazard information to help make better financial decisions about protecting their homes and businesses.