

City of Cincinnati



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Correspondence Sheet

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Milton Dohoney, Jr., City Manager *MDJ*

Subject: **FEMA FLOOD RISK INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be hosting a Flood Risk Information Open House on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM for Public Officials and from 4 PM to 7:00 PM for the General Public. It will be held at the MSD Administration Building and Conference Center, Room 104, 1081 Woodrow Street (located just off Gest Street), Cincinnati, Ohio 45204.

The Open House will provide city and county residents, with an opportunity to review the recently completed preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and its accompanying preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs).

The FIS and the FIRMs (originally adopted in 1982) provide base flood information, delineate areas subject to significant flood hazards within the city and county, and offers information public officials may use when permitting development in the floodplain.

The Open House will be staffed with representatives from state and federal agencies, including local city and county staff, who will provide the most current information about flood risk, flood insurance, floodplain development regulations, and the process for floodplain mapping within Hamilton County. The newly prepared preliminary floodplain maps will be on display. Once the maps 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, develop mitigation measures, and encourage wise and responsible risk management decision-making.

In two separate newspaper advertisements, property owners, realtors, lenders, and insurance agents have been urged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation within the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Letters have been sent to property owners where the draft preliminary maps now show their properties at high risk to flooding. In the FYI Memo to Council dated May 9, 2008 (Memo #1868), information was sent pertaining to the effects of this mapping change on properties previously shown as protected by the Lunken Field Airport Levee system.

This report is for informational purposes only. No action is required.

c: James A. Parrott, Executive Director, MSD *JAP*

