



CITY OF SIOUX CITY

City Hall
405 Sixth Street
P.O. Box 447
Sioux City, Iowa 51102

Name: Jade Dundas
Title: Public Works Director
Phone: 712-279-6957

For Immediate Release
Date July 26, 2013

Public Open House Meeting to Discuss the Preliminary Flood Maps for Sioux City

Representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and officials from Sioux City will be at a public Open House meeting on Thursday, August 1, 2013, to discuss the Preliminary Woodbury County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) that was published June 28, 2013.

The public Open House meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Leeds Elementary School gymnasium located at 3919 Jefferson Street, Sioux City. Representatives of civic organizations, lending institutions, real estate agencies, insurance companies, and owners or lessees of property are encouraged to attend.

The levees on the Big Sioux and Floyd Rivers are shown on the Preliminary DFIRM as accredited and providing protection from the 1-percent-annual-chance flood. The boundary of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) is revised in Sioux City as a result of residual flooding from interior drainage issues discovered during the Floyd River levee accreditation analysis.

FEMA administers the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Once a community joins the NFIP, owners or lessees of property at any location in the community may purchase insurance to protect their buildings and personal property from loss by flooding.

Discussion topics at the Open House will include description of the Preliminary Woodbury County FIS and DFIRM, FEMA's expanded flood map appeals process, floodplain management regulations and flood insurance. People attending the Open House meeting will have the opportunity to learn about these topics, ask questions and provide comment.