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FEMA'S E273 COURSE, MANAGING FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM WAS HELD IN ST. TAMMAMY PARISH, OCTOBER 5TH – 8TH OF 2009.

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CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME

Anacoco

On September 2, 2009 The **Village of Anacoco** in Vernon Parish became an official NFIP community.



Changes to eLOMA Process

From the Association of State Floodplain Managers

FEMA is preparing to transition from a single National Service Provider (NSP) contractor to three separate Production and Technical Services (PTS) contractors, which will result in some changes to the current eLOMA process. For the eLOMA process, this transition was scheduled to take place on July 1, 2009. Each PTS Contractor will be responsible for conducting eLOMA audits and supporting the eLOMA users in each of their respective Regions. There will be an eLOMA Coordinator at each of the three PTS Contractors. Please see below for the three PTS Contractors, the new eLOMA Coordinators, and the Regions they will be responsible for:

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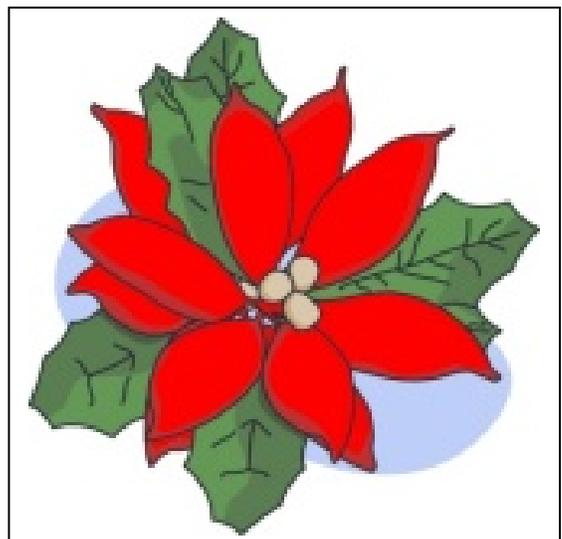
We wish all of you,

MERRY CHRISTMAS

&

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Cindy, Pam, Susan



FEMA Transitions into Risk Map

In fiscal year (FY) 2009, FEMA began a transition from Flood Map Modernization (MAP MOD) to Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (Risk MAP). The Map Mod initiative made significant achievements during its 5-years of developing Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for the Nation:

- Digital flood map products will soon be available for 92 percent of the Nation's population.
- 30 percent of the stream miles mapped will be based on new, updated, or validated engineering analyses, affecting 40 percent of the Nation's population.
- Digital flood map products will cover 65 percent of the land area of the continental United States.

80 percent of the Nation's population will have maps that encompass stream miles that meet the 2005 Floodplain Boundary Standard.

Risk MAP is a seamless program aimed at reducing losses of life and property through effective local mitigation activities enabled by quality flood hazard data, risk assessments, and mitigation planning by working collaboratively with State, local, and Tribal entities. Risk MAP will provide an integrated national assessment of risks based on digital flood hazard data and web-accessible data.

Using this information, communities and the American public can better understand their risk, make informed decisions and develop mitigation plans to reduce their vulnerability and losses from natural hazards.

More information on Risk MAP can be found at <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3587>

THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA WILL HOST THE FEMA DEPLOYED E273 CLASS, Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program ON MARCH 1ST- 5TH, 2010. ANYONE INTERESTED IN TAKING THIS CLASS CAN CALL SUSAN VEILLON AT 225-274-4354 TO REGISTER. LIMITED SPACE IS AVAILABLE.

NOTE: There will be no reimbursement from FEMA as the class will be held in Louisiana rather than Emmitsburg, Maryland

FEMA GRANT PROGRAMS - USING PRELIMINARY DATA

THE PRELIMINARY DFIRM ELEVATIONS AND DATA MUST BE USED FOR ANY GRANT APPLICATIONS INVOLVING PROJECTS LOCATED IN AN AREA DESIGNATED AS A COASTAL VELOCITY ZONE (V ZONE) ON THE PRELIMINARY DFIRM. BECAUSE OF THE INCREASED RISK IN V-ZONES, V-ZONE INFORMATION SHOWN ON THE PRELIMINARY DFIRMS MUST BE USED AS SOON AS THE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

INSERT FROM THE LOUISIANA FLOOD RECOVERY GUIDANCE, USING PRELIMINARY DIGITAL FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS AND FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY FOR RECONSTRUCTION – FEMA GUIDANCE DOCUMENT DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2008



NFIP Materials in Spanish

The FEMA website has an entire section dedicated to Spanish language news and resources. Visit www.fema.gov/spanish/index_spa.shtm to access disaster prevention and recovery information in Spanish. In addition, visitors can click on one of two links under "Para los Ninos" to read or download two children's books written in Spanish about disaster preparedness.

At www.fema.gov/spanish/news/recentnews_spa.fema, viewers will find a comprehensive list of all FEMA Spanish-language publications. Most of the materials listed can be downloaded electronically. Hard copies of many Spanish-language materials can be ordered at no cost from the FEMA Distribution Center (800-480-2520).

Free FEMA Publications to NFIP Communities: There are many useful brochures, booklets & information sheets available for communities to use as tools to educate their citizens. Identify yourself as a Louisiana NFIP community & provide your Community Identification Number (6 digits that begin with 22....) and order as many copies as you desire. Call (800)480-2520



Louisiana Floodplain Management 27th Annual Technical & Business Conference

April 28 - 30, 2010

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What if My Home in the 100-Year Floodplain is Declared “Substantially Damaged”?

Article from a publication of FEMA and the State of Texas Governor’s Division of Emergency Management

One goal of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is to keep people safe and make structures within flood hazard areas less vulnerable to future flood damage. To further this goal, the NFIP requires local communities to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations when they join the program.

If a structure is damaged so that the cost of restoration to its pre-flooded condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred, the structure is considered to be “substantially damaged”.

If a building in a flood zone is substantially damaged, it must comply with the community’s floodplain management regulations. Options could include relocating a home outside the floodplain, elevating the home, or flood-proofing a nonresidential structure.

Restoration of substantially damaged residential structures must include rebuilding the lowest floor to or above the identified Base Flood Elevation (BFE). Your community may require elevating one or more feet above the BFE.

Responsibilities in Dealing with Substantial Damage	
Local Communities are Responsible for:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determining substantial damage or substantial improvement. Estimating the market value of the structure. Evaluating the cost of repairs or improvements (for damage repair prevailing costs for labor and related material will be used). Evaluating whether an area with significant damage might be a candidate for voluntary acquisition of properties.
The Individual Property Owner is Responsible for:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working closely with local community officials to ensure compliance with floodplain regulations. Submitting complete cost estimates signed by a licensed contractor to community officials. Submitting an elevation certificate to determine the lowest floor elevation. Submitting building plans to show how the building will be elevated to community officials.

Opelousas is designated as the **Yam Capitol of the World** and has hosted the *Louisiana Yambilee Festival* each October since 1945.

Annexations

If a municipality owns land in the unincorporated areas of the parish, plans to annex land, or otherwise has authority over lands outside its corporate limits, it has an obligation under the NFIP to ensure that development is properly regulated. To do this, it must use the parish's FIRM.

If a municipality annexes property in the mapped floodplain in the parish, a revision request should be submitted to the DHS/FEMA Regional Office.

Annexations should be submitted to Mr. David Hiegel or Ms. Diana Herrera, FEMA Region VI, 800 North Loop 288, Denton, Texas 76209-3698 with the following information.

1. Legal description
2. Plat
3. List of street numbers
4. Signed, sealed copy of the annexation ordinance.

Because it is expensive to reprint and redistribute flood maps, corporate boundary changes are usually made only when maps are revised for other reasons, such as new or better flood data. The municipality does not need a new map after it has annexed an area that is shown on the parish's FIRM. It uses the parish's FIRM and the flood data in the parish's Flood Insurance Study (FIS).

It is recommended that a municipality formally adopt its parish's FIRM in its ordinance to strengthen the basis for regulating areas not currently shown on the municipality's FIRM.

*****CONGRATULATIONS*****

TO

The City of Houma

and

Terrebonne Parish

for obtaining a *Class 7* in the CRS program.

Also, if anyone is interested in a 1 day CRS workshop, covering the basics of the program along with the most credited activities, please call Pam Miller at (225) 274-4354 or send an e-mail to pam.miller@la.gov. I will compile a list and see if enough people want to attend to warrant holding the workshop.



Our goal is flood loss reduction . . .

If you or someone you know would like to receive future copies of this newsletter please contact our office:

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