

Bay County Residents Invited to Flood Map Open House

Community residents can join an in-person meeting to review new flood maps with experts. They can also learn how to address their future flood risk to protect life and property.

BAY CO, MI — Local, state and federal officials are working to reduce the effects of severe weather and natural disasters. On April 17, the FEMA will hold an in-person Open House in Bay City. At this event, FEMA will answer Bay County residents' questions about flood risk and flood insurance after the release of the preliminary flood maps.

FEMA, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), and Bay County community officials invite residents to join them at the Open House for any length of time. Residents can also see preliminary versions of the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) [here](#).

WHAT:	IN PERSON Flood Risk and Insurance Open House		
WHEN:	April 17, 2023, 5–7 p.m. ET		
WHERE:	Bay City Hall, Room 317		
	301 Washington Avenue		Bay City, MI 46708

The Open House will not have a formal presentation. Residents can attend at any time between 5 and 7 p.m. Experts at the Open House will teach residents about flood risk and flood insurance. They can also explain floodplain development regulations and the mapping process. Residents can meet with experts one-on-one to look at their own addresses on the new maps. They will learn about their specific risk. They will also learn ways to help prevent flood loss.

The map updates for Bay County incorporate a new study of 47 miles of shoreline. The update includes 17 areas where rivers, drains, and creeks meet Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) along Lake Huron. The updates are to SFHAs in the following municipalities:

- Charter townships of Bangor, Hampton, Monitor, and Portsmouth.
- Cities of Bay City, Essexville, and Pinconning.
- Townships of Frankenlust, Fraser, Kawkawlin, Merritt, and Pinconning.

Once in effect, the maps will inform flood insurance rates and local floodplain management rules adopted under the [National Flood Insurance Program](#). FEMA urges public officials to use the maps to help plan and prepare communities to quickly respond to and recover from future events.

Property owners, realtors, lenders and insurance agents will benefit from this chance to learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation in Bay County.

You can view the preliminary FIRM and FIS report [here](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

Your flood risk
can change over
time.



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