

FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP UPDATE

Highlands County is currently coordinating the efforts of both the South Florida and Southwest Florida Water Management Districts (SFWMD/SFWWMD) in their update of flood risk information in Highlands County. The Water Management Districts are working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in a national effort to update FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). Many of these maps are 10 to 30 years old and are outdated due to natural and physical changes caused by land use, development and erosion.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT YOU?

Highlands County flood maps are out dated and no longer represent the current flood risks. Using the latest mapping technology and more up-to-date data, new flood maps are being prepared that present a picture of the County's current flood risks. Consequently, your property's level of flood risk may have changed. For example:

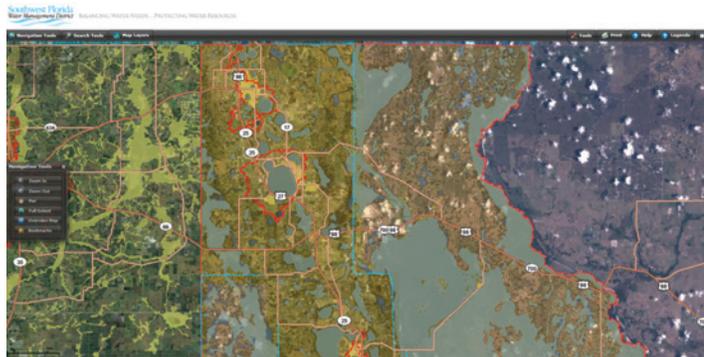
1. Property not currently within a high-risk hazard flood area may now be in a high-risk hazard flood area.
2. Property previously in a high-risk hazard flood area may no longer be in a high-risk hazard flood area.
3. Property previously in a high-risk hazard flood area may remain in a high-risk hazard flood area.

This information is provided to assist you in decisions including the purchase, protection and insuring of property.

HAS YOUR PROPERTY'S FLOOD RISK CHANGED?

Draft flood risk maps are available to view on the SWFWMD website: www.watermatters.org/floodplain

If you believe that the information regarding your property is not represented accurately, please contact the SWFWMD. You are encouraged to provide any input that will help the Water Management Districts in conducting further analysis to produce the most accurate floodplain maps



Source: www.watermatters.org/floodplain

SCHEDULE

The process of updating the Highlands County Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) is an ongoing effort. To view the mapping update schedule including information regarding an upcoming Community Open House in March please visit www.cfrpc.org/floodmapupdate/schedule

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION



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Flood Insurance Information
 National Flood Insurance Program
www.FloodSmart.gov

For Information on the web
www.cfrpc.org/floodmapupdate



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Flood Hazard Mapping Information
 FEMA Flood Hazard Mapping Program
www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/index.shtm