

Notice of Public Open Houses
November 12, 13 & 14 2008:
Suffolk County, New York
Map Modernization and the National Flood
Insurance Program

The Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services (FRES), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be holding *Public Open House Meetings on November 12, 13 & 14 2008* to discuss the new Suffolk County Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map, and the National Flood Insurance Program in general. Please visit <http://rmc.mapmodteam.com/RMC2> or contact John Searing of Suffolk County FRES at john.searing@suffolkcountyny.gov or Jason Fenn of FEMA Region II at Jason.Fenn@DHS.gov for more details.

Map Modernization: What is it? The local Map Modernization project is part of a nationwide effort to update the country's flood hazard maps so that they reflect the most current flood risks. Suffolk County residents and businesses now have up-to-date, reliable, Internet-accessible information about their flood risk on a property-by-property basis.

How are residents and businesses affected? FEMA and NYSDEC have developed a website to help Suffolk County property owners understand the change in flood hazard designation at an individual property level between the current, effective flood maps and the preliminary flood maps. Residents and property owners can type in their address or use basic map functionality to zoom in on a property of interest and generate a printable flood risk report. The website, which will be available on October 27, 2008, is located at <http://www.suffolknyfloodmaps.com>

Why Update the Maps? Why Now? Flood hazard maps, also known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps, are important tools in the effort to protect lives and properties. Over time, water flow and drainage patterns have changed dramatically due to surface erosion, land use and natural forces.

New Maps = A Safer Public By showing the extent to which areas are at risk for flooding, the new flood maps will help home and business owners understand their current flood risk and make more informed decisions about protecting their property. These maps will also allow community planners, local officials, engineers, builders and others to make important determinations about where and how new structures and developments should be built to maximize safety.

LOCATIONS:

Babylon, New York

Wednesday November 12,
2008 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Town Hall Annex
281 Phelps Lane, North Babylon NY
[117039](http://www.babylonny.gov)

Southampton, New York

Thursday November 13, 2008
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Southampton Cultural Center,
Levitas Center Concert Hall
25 Pond Lane, Southampton NY
[11969](http://www.southamptonny.gov)

Brookhaven, New York

Friday November 14, 2008
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Brookhaven Town Hall Auditorium,
2nd floor One Independence Hill,
Farmingville NY 11738

Join FEMA Region II and the
NY State Department of
Environmental Conservation
to learn about and discuss:

- ❖ *The National Flood Insurance Program*
- ❖ *The Suffolk County DFIRM*
- ❖ *How to Read the New Maps*
- ❖ *Building Standards*
- ❖ *Insurance Ratings and Premiums*