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# Press Release

## **St. Clair County Residents Invited to Attend Coastal Flood Map Open House**

*Members of the public can review preliminary flood maps showing the Lake Huron shoreline and talk to experts about how the maps can affect communities and property owners*

PORT HURON, Mich. — On Nov. 13, representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will host a Flood Risk Open House for the Lake Huron shoreline communities in St. Clair County. The Open House will give residents the chance to review preliminary versions of a recently completed Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and its accompanying preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

This FIS report and FIRM provide information on the base flood (also known as the 1-percent-annual-chance event) and on the areas of the shoreline that are subject to significant flood hazards. They also offer information that public officials will use when managing development in the floodplain.

At the Open House, representatives from various local, state, and federal agencies will provide the most current information about flood risk, flood insurance, floodplain development regulations, and the process used to map St. Clair County's floodplains. The newly prepared maps will be on display. Once these maps become effective, they will be used as the basis for flood insurance rates and for local floodplain management ordinances adopted under the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA also encourages public officials to use the effective maps as tools to assist planning processes and outreach efforts, to prepare the community to quickly respond to and recover from future events. Details for the St. Clair County meeting are as follow:

**WHAT:** Public Flood Risk Open House for St. Clair County, Lake Huron

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** St. Clair County Administrative Office  
Dodge Auditorium  
200 Grand River Ave.  
Port Huron, Mich. 48060

In the United States, 98 percent of counties have experienced a flooding event. Property owners, Realtors, lenders, and insurance agents are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about coastal flood risk and hazard mitigation within their community. Digital files of the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report can be downloaded from [www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata](http://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata). For more information, contact the FEMA News Desk at [FEMA-R5-News-Desk@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R5-News-Desk@fema.dhs.gov).

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