



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES CENTER



DSC Information Notice #203

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Topic: FEMA Floodplain Maps Review Period

Virginia Beach Public Works Engineering has announced a 90-day review period for comments and appeals for FEMA's preliminary flood maps.

The maps, just released, identify proposed base flood elevations or flood depths. These are Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA), and floodways, defined by boundaries and zones.

Flood maps can be viewed at: www.vbgov.com/flood. Residents are encouraged to review the maps and submit their *comments or appeals* between February 5, 2014, and May 5, 2014.

An *appeal* is a formal objection to any proposed base flood elevations or flood depths. Appeals must be based on technical data that show proposed maps to be scientifically incorrect. Anyone who makes an appeal must include the method, data and analysis used to support the claim.

A *comment* is an objection to a base map feature change such as labels, incorrect roads, jurisdictional boundaries or any other non-appealable change.

Comments and appeals should be sent to FEMA through the local floodplain administrator, Rebecca Lear, Certified Floodplain Manager, at rlear@vbgov.com, or at (757) 385-1948. Once all comments and appeals are resolved, FEMA will notify the City of the final effective date of the maps.

For questions or additional information, contact Rebecca Lear at rlear@vbgov.com, or at (757) 385-1948.