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Attention Howard County Residents,

The Kokomo Howard County Plan Commission was recently informed via letter of preliminary proposed flood hazard information for certain locations in Howard County, Indiana (Unincorporated Areas). The preliminary maps and changes from current maps may be viewed online at the FEMA Flood Map Changes Viewer at the following web address: msc.fema.gov/fmcv. The proposed flood hazard information “may” include additions or modifications to the Special Flood Hazard Areas, (the areas that would be inundated by the base flood (1-percent annual chance flood), base flood elevations or depths, zone designations or regulatory floodways. On February 14th, FEMA published a notification of this in the local Kokomo Tribune. Understand, if the proposed flood hazard determinations are finalized, it will become the basis for the floodplain management measures that our community would have to adopt to remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Before any new or modified flood hazard information is effective, FEMA provides community officials and citizens the opportunity to appeal. During this 90-day appeal period, any owner or lessee of real property within the community who believes their property rights will be “adversely” affected by this proposal may appeal or appoint a designee on their behalf. When submitting the appeal, the property owner (or designee) must indicate by factual data that the proposed flood hazard determination is scientifically or technically incorrect. This information must be presented to FEMA during the appeal duration (the appeal period can not be extended).

To appeal,

property owner(s)/lessee or delegated representative should send official appeal and supporting documentation to the following departments:

**Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Water**

402 West Washington street, W264
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
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