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Division of Water Open House

On Sept. 4, the Division of Water held its first division-wide public open house in Alexandria, which is located in Madison County. It was the first in a series of similar events planned throughout the state. The goal is to foster cooperation with residents and local entities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) while providing technical assistance and data to local officials. The initiative aligns with Senate Bill 412, passed by the Indiana legislature in 2023, which requires the department to meet with local entities at least once every five years.

The open house serves as a platform for Division of Water employees to engage directly with concerned individuals, answer their questions, and share resources. Staff members value this opportunity to step away from their computers and interact with stakeholders, demonstrating how their work protects people, property, and water resources across the state.

The event showcased various aspects of the division's work including Floodplain Management, Permitting, Engineering Services, Water Rights and Use, Water Resource Assessment, Watershed Stewardship (Conservancy Districts), and Dam and Levee Safety. In addition, division staff had a floodplain model on hand to demonstrate how various factors can impact flooding. Attendees, including elected officials, came with diverse interests; some sought answers to specific questions about their properties, while others aimed to learn more broadly about flooding and water resources in their community. Division of Water staff were on hand to address specific inquiries and general concerns, providing a comprehensive overview of their services and expertise.

If your community is interested in hosting an open house in the future, please contact DOW Outreach Program Director Gin Ranly at vranly@dnr.IN.gov or 463-261-7336.





Division of Water Upcoming Events

Indiana Flooding and Flood Tools Awareness Online Workshop

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24.

TIME: 9 a.m.- Noon ET | LOCATION: Online

This workshop is presented by the Indiana Silver Jackets federal and state-level partners: Indiana DNR, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Geological Survey, Federal Emergency Management Association, National Weather Service, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Polis Center at IU Indianapolis, and more.

TARGET AUDIENCE: New and careered personnel interested in learning about current tools and technology available for flood risk management in Indiana. Appropriate for county commissioners, county surveyors, emergency and floodplain managers, and soil and water conservation personnel.

This three-hour workshop will address the common types and causes of flooding in Indiana, as well as flood-related regulations, mitigation best practices, and climate change impacts. A significant focus of this meeting will be on the flood risk reduction tools available, including flood risk management (FRM) data and tools, stream and lake gauges; flood inundation maps (FIMs); available data sources (i.e., Indiana Floodplain Information Portal); and partner agency FRM programs.

Attendance is free.

Please register by emailing the following information to: Indiana_Flood_Tools@USACE.army.mil
Name / Agency / Organization; email & phone number; which meeting date/location attending; specific accommodations needed.



**INDIANA FLOODING AND
FLOOD TOOLS AWARENESS
VIRTUAL WORKSHOP**

In case you missed it!

**SEPTEMBER
24
9AM-12PM EST**

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with your name and contact information
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