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Learn more about flooding at Jan. 13 meeting sponsored by Hampton, FEMA

Dec. 29, 2014 - Do you know the risk when it comes to flooding on your property?

Join the City of Hampton and the Federal Emergency Management Agency at the Hampton Convention Center on Tuesday, Jan. 13, from 4-8 p.m. to learn about updated federal flood maps.

In late 2014, the federal government released new, preliminary flood maps for the area, which show property flooding risk. Because the city is a low-lying community with several major waterways, Hampton is extremely susceptible to both floodplain and surge flooding during storms or heavy rain.

FEMA's online mapping tool, which is available to the public at <http://maps.riskmap3.com/VA/HamptonCity/>, allows residents and property owners to type in their address and to see flood risks under both current maps and new maps.

The city's geographical information system - accessed through our web page at <http://hampton.gov/index.aspx?NID=2756> - allows you to see property flood risks. You can also get more information online about flooding in Hampton and specific instructions on how to use the mapping tools.

You can learn about reducing coastal flooding risks, the most recent tidal floodplain study, and flood insurance and property protection at www.hampton.gov/flooding.

During the Jan. 13 meeting, FEMA, state and city representatives will be available to answer your questions, and insurance specialists can talk about your insurance options. For more information, contact Community Development at 757-727-6140 or Public Works at 757-727-6346.

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