

Notice of Public Open House
December 3, 2009:
Schenectady County, New York
Map Modernization and the National Flood
Insurance Program

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be holding a **Public Open House Meeting on December 3, 2009** to discuss the new Schenectady County **Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps**, and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in general. If you would like to view the preliminary DFIRM online, please visit <http://rampp-team.com>. If you have questions about the preliminary DFIRM, please contact Paul Weberg at (212) 680-3638 or at paul.weberg@dhs.gov. If you have questions about the NFIP, floodplain management or flood insurance, please contact Melissa Ryan at (212) 680-3625 or at melissa.ryan@dhs.gov. The NYSDEC floodplain management section, at (518)402-8151, can answer questions about both the map and the NFIP in general.

Map Modernization: What is it? The local Map Modernization project is part of a nationwide effort to update the country's flood hazard maps so that they reflect the most current flood risks. Schenectady County residents and businesses now have up-to-date, reliable, Internet-accessible information about their flood risk on a property-by-property basis.

How are residents and businesses affected? FEMA has developed a website to help Schenectady County property owners understand the change in flood hazard designation at an individual property level between the current, effective flood maps and the preliminary flood maps. The website is located at <http://www.rampp-team.com/ny.htm>

Why Update the Maps? Why Now? Flood hazard maps, also known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps, are important tools in the effort to protect lives and properties. Over time, water flow and drainage patterns have changed dramatically due to surface erosion, land use and natural forces.

New Maps = A Safer Public By showing the extent to which areas are at risk for flooding, the new flood maps will help home and business owners understand their current flood risk and make more informed decisions about protecting their property. These maps will also allow community planners, local officials, engineers, builders and others to make important determinations about where and how new structures and developments should be built to maximize safety.

TIME & LOCATION:

*Thursday
December 3, 2009*

*Stop in anytime between
4:00-8:00PM*

Rotterdam Town Hall
2nd Floor Board Room
1100 Sunrise Blvd.
Rotterdam, NY 12306

Join FEMA Region II and the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation to learn about and discuss:

- ❖ *The National Flood Insurance Program*
- ❖ *The Schenectady County DFIRM*
- ❖ *How to Read the New Maps*
- ❖ *Building Standards*
- ❖ *Insurance Ratings & Premiums*
- ❖ *Flood Mitigation*