**Website Content**

You can post the content below to your community’s website to communicate with your residents and business owners about the new maps.

Updated Flood Maps for [community name] are coming soon!

FEMA has released updated flood maps for [community name]. While these maps are still in the preliminary phase, they will soon become effective, replacing the current FEMA flood maps. [Community name] is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program and uses these maps in our floodplain development regulations.

Residents and business owners are highly encouraged to learn how their property’s flood risk is changing. Learn more:

* Use [FEMA’s Flood Map Changes Viewer](https://fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=e7a7dc3ebd7f4ad39bb8e485bb64ce44)to find out what flood zone your property is in on the preliminary maps**.** High-risk flood zones start with the letter ‘A’ or ‘V’.
* The maps affect flood insurance requirements in some areas. For buildings in high-risk flood zones, flood insurance is required as a condition of a Federally-backed mortgage. Even if you do not have a mortgage, or if you are a renter, the purchase of flood insurance is still highly recommended. Be advisedthat most standard homeowner’s insurance policies do not include coverage for damage due to flooding. Visit [floodsmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov/) or contact your insurance agent to learn more.
* Read [FEMA’s Map Changes and Flood Insurance brochure](https://agents.floodsmart.gov/sites/default/files/fema_map-changes-and-flood-insurance_brochure_10-2021.pdf) or contact [FEMA’s Mapping & Insurance eXchange](https://floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html) helpline at 1-877-336-2627 for general mapping or insurance-related questions.
* [Community name] is a participant of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and has floodplain development regulations that helps to protect lives and property from future flooding. Proposed development in high-risk areas, as shown on the flood maps, must meet applicable requirements in the ordinance. To learn more, contact [community contact name and phone number or email address].