MAPPING THE RISK
FLOOD MAP MODERNIZATION

Notice of Public Open Houses October 25 & 26, 2011:
Rockland 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 two **Public Open House Meetings on October 25th and 26th 2011** to discuss the new Rockland County **Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map**, and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in general. If you have questions about the preliminary DFIRM, please visit http://rampp-team.com or contact Alan Springett at 212.680.8557 or alan.springett@dhs.gov. If you have questions about the NFIP, floodplain management or flood insurance, please contact Rich Einhorn at 212.680.8503 or richard.einhorn@dhs.gov. The NYSDEC floodplain management section, at 518.402.8185, 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. Rockland 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 Rockland County property owners view the change in flood hazard designation. 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.

TIMES & LOCATION:

Tuesday, October 25th
Stop in anytime between
4:00-8:00PM

Rockland County
Fire Training Center
Auditorium
35 Firemen's Memorial Drive
Pomona, NY 10970
and

Wednesday, October 26th
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Join FEMA Region II and the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation to learn about and discuss:

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