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MEMORANDUM

TO: Community Executive Officer/Local Floodplain Administrator

FROM: Al W. Goodman, Jr., CFM
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RE: Mississippi Flood Map Modernization
Re-mapping of the Floodplains within Our Communities

The Mississippi Flood Map Modernization program will begin its kick-off meetings next month on the Gulf Coast. We are referring to these initial coordination briefings as 'Meet and Greet' Team Building Briefings.

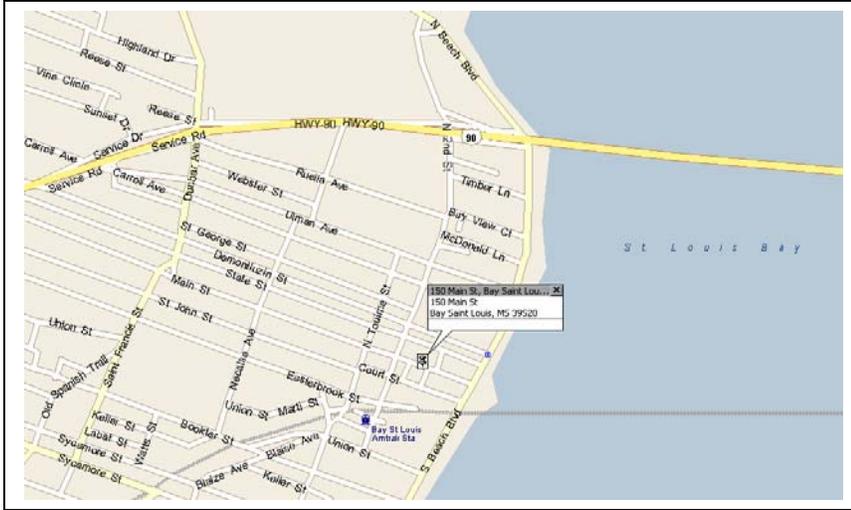
This will be a countywide re-mapping effort, so each county and the communities found therein are cordially invited to a meeting in their respective locale. The three meetings will be held on the following dates/times and at the following locations:

Date	Time	Location
April 1	1:00 PM	Hancock County Courthouse, 2nd floor (Board of Supervisors), 150 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, 39520
April 2	9:00 AM	Harrison County Courthouse, CD Conference Room, 1801 23rd Avenue, Gulfport, 39502
April 2	1:00 PM	Jackson County Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, 2nd floor of old Courthouse, 3102 Magnolia St., Pascagoula, 39567

I am requesting the assistance of the local Floodplain Administrators in inviting each appropriate Board Supervisor, Mayor, Alderman, Community Engineer, Community Administrator, Community Planner and any other appropriate person of the three coastal counties and their eleven incorporated communities to their respective meeting. This is not a public meeting; we are not at that stage as of yet. This is simply the first in a series of meetings that will result in new flood maps for your community.

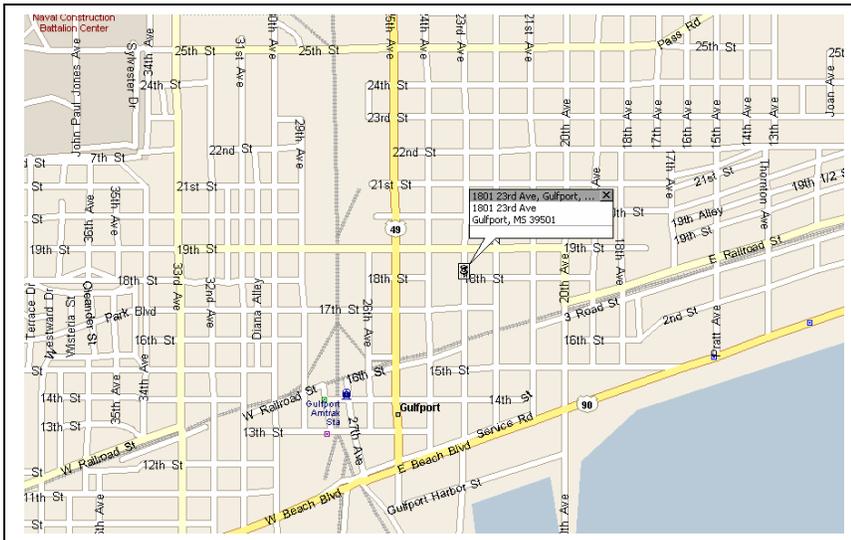
We envision a one-hour session, which will inform the local officials of the method in which the state of Mississippi is conducting the new flood map modernization program, in partnership with the local stakeholder communities. We wish to make personal contact with the community officials in order to build goodwill and a team attitude. (This is to avoid the old FEMA mistake of creating non-ownership in the flood maps, which has plagued the floodplain management program.) We do not intend to create the impression that any map will be forced on a community. The maps will be constructed with the full input of each concerned community. This is our great opportunity to improve our flood maps, let's make a best effort to improve these flood risk identification tools for our citizens.

After this 'Meet and Greet,' the state's mapping contractors can then begin their initial contacts with all communities in order to gather all available technical data.



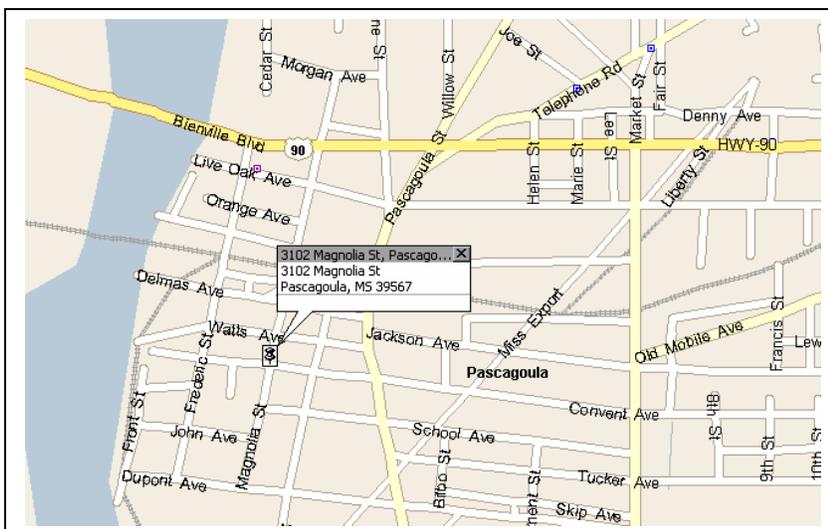
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