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PUBLIC COMMENT AND APPEAL PERIOD UNDERWAY
FOR UPDATED FLOOD MAPS

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – Forsyth County’s flood risk information has recently been revised and the 90-day period during which residents may submit comments and appeals regarding the maps is underway.

The state of Georgia in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed and issued the preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) depicting new or revised Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), floodways and/or Base Flood Elevations (BFEs). Upon issuance of the FIRM, there is a federally mandated 90-period for public review of the data. That 90-day period is currently underway and will be open until April 16, 2012.

During the public review period, any owner or lessee of real property who believes their property rights will be adversely affected by the BFE determinations may submit an appeal. The sole basis for such appeals is having knowledge or information indicating that the proposed BFE determinations are scientifically or technically incorrect. Inquiries regarding data other than the proposed BFE determinations (such as typographical errors, incorrect street names or omissions) will be considered as comments rather than as appeals. Any applicable changes will be made prior to the revised FIS report and FIRM becoming effective.

Forsyth County property owners or lessees wanting to submit an appeal should provide their formal objection along with all supporting data to the Forsyth County Department of Engineering, who will forward the appeals to FEMA. Detailed information regarding the process for submission of appeals can be found online at www.GeorgiaDFIRM.com. For a listing of the proposed BFEs and information on the appeal period, visit <http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe> or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange toll free at 1.877.FEMA.MAP.

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Appeals can be submitted to:

Forsyth County Department of Engineering

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For additional information and to view the preliminary maps online, visit www.GeorgiaDFIRM.com. For more information about flood risks and preparedness, visit www.ready.gov or www.floodsmart.gov.

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