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OPEN HOUSE TO DISCUSS IMPACT OF FLOOD RISK ON THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU

The preliminary map for flood areas along coastal and riverine areas has been released for community review.

Juneau, AK – On April 4, 2018, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, property owners and community residents are invited to discuss the potential impacts of and provide feedback on the proposed community flood map revisions. The Open House will be held at the Dzantik’l Heeni Middle School Commons (1600 Renninger Street). It will showcase the City and Borough of Juneau’s current hazard mitigation planning efforts and provide an opportunity for community members to learn how to build stronger and safer in the face of natural disasters.

FEMA has issued a preliminary map showing revisions to the Special Flood Hazard Areas, which have a 1-percent chance of flooding in any year. These maps will help community officials and local residents identify flood risks. Following adoption, these maps will be used to determine flood insurance rates and inform land use and development decisions.

At the Open House, property owners and community residents will have the opportunity to learn about the flood mapping process and what the changes mean for them. Residents will also have the opportunity to ask questions about how the map revision will impact their property and community.

The City and Borough of Juneau encourages property owners to examine the preliminary maps, attend the April 4, 2018, Open House, and ask questions about how revisions could affect them. Preliminary maps can be reviewed at <http://www.juneau.org/cddftp/JuneauFloodZoneMap.php>. To request a printed or emailed map before April 4, 2018, contact Amy Liu at amy.liu@juneau.org or (907) 586-0764. Additionally, for questions regarding property and how individuals may be affected by the new map, written questions can be submitted to Teri Camery at teri.camery@juneau.org and (907) 586-0755. In the message, please provide the following information: Full name, full property address, parcel number (if available), contact information (mailing address, email address, and phone number), and question(s).

For those unable to attend the Open House, the presentation will be uploaded to <http://www.juneau.org/cddftp/JuneauFloodZoneMap.php> after April 4.

Flooding is the nation’s most common and most expensive natural disaster. According to national statistics, homes inside high-risk flood areas have a 26 percent chance of being damaged by flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage, compared with a 9 percent chance of sustaining fire damage. To learn more about federal flood insurance, visit www.floodsmart.gov.