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Revised FEMA Flood Maps review process underway; preliminary maps available for review

“The Insider” podcast features floodplain administrator Sam Huddleston

Flooding is one of the costliest disasters in the U.S., resulting in \$4 billion in annual property damage and one of the highest losses of life due to natural disaster.

Following the Covid-19 delay in 2020, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has resumed the review process for the revised Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for Rutherford County, including Murfreesboro. The FEMA flood maps in the Stones River Watershed are flood insurance rate maps that identify properties with high risk of flooding. The previous update of the preliminary maps occurred in January 2007. The 90-day review period runs from May to August 2021.

Citizens and property owners can listen to “The Insider,” the official podcast for the City of Murfreesboro, via Podbean at <https://cityofmurfreesborotn.podbean.com/e/insider-podcast-flood-zones-and-revised-fema-flood-maps/?token=3fe61e0fbe46c9c6fe8fbb496e2debd1> or watch the podcast on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/40kS-Q4XL8M>. City Floodplain administrator **Sam Huddleston** discusses the FEMA flood maps and what impacted property owners should know about the preliminary maps.

A link to the proposed FEMA revisions is available on the City of Murfreesboro website: [FEMA Flood Maps Review](#). Digital copies of the FIRM and FIS reports are available at <https://www.fema.gov/preliminaryfloodhazarddata>. Impacted property owners within the City of Murfreesboro will also be notified of the proposed changes in direct mailouts to the owner’s address of record.

Several hundred city parcels will likely be impacted by FEMA’s proposed changes with some parcels added into the floodplain and some removed. Lytle Creek and Lee Springs Branch area properties will be impacted because of updated flood studies conducted by the City of Murfreesboro and FEMA. Other properties are scattered through the seven revised map panels.

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To provide additional information and hear from Murfreesboro citizens, businesses and property owners, the City of Murfreesboro Planning Department is prepared to answer questions and direct inquiries about the revised FEMA flood maps. Public comments can be provided to FEMA. Following the public comment period, FEMA provides the community and citizens an opportunity to appeal the proposed flood hazard information presented on the preliminary revised FIRMS and FIS reports.

City staff will be available at the Planning Department, City Hall, 111 West Vine Street, 37133, to answer any questions concerning proposed revisions to flood maps that will impact property owners in Murfreesboro.

Data from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) indicates approximately 200 properties in the City limits will either be removed from or placed in a flood zone. As a result, these property owners will be impacted under FEMA's proposed revisions to the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program in the Stones River Watershed and its tributaries.

The proposed flood hazard determinations, if finalized, will become the basis for the floodplain management measures that the City of Murfreesboro must adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

For further information on the proposed maps, citizens may also call Development Services Executive Director **Sam Huddleston** at 615-893-6441.

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"The Insider" is hosted by Mike Browning and produced by award-winning producer Michael Nevills at City Hall.

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Map and Graphics attached:

1. *Overview Map of Revised Panel areas*
2. *"The Insider" with Floodplain Administrator and Development Services Executive Director Sam Huddleston*

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