IMPORTANT NOTICE

Flood Insurance Rate Map Changes

DO YOU KNOW YOUR FLOOD RISK? Learn More at FEMA’s Open House on Flood Risk and Insurance

FEMA is hosting an Open House to talk to residents of Genesee County about the revised flood maps. Learn about your risk of flooding and any potential flood insurance changes. All are welcome to join.

FEMA representatives will be there to answer your questions. If you already have flood insurance, please bring your declaration page.

To learn more about your flood risk, visit [**https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home**](https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAAR7sxEw4uXrDIHyAW8Lfgs3NJPhMwa2a6kMYuPvTjykGqZRhjMHeR_jj1-PXAg_aem_g5dsOjbVgpwyQ1NgPoTKyQ). If you can’t join the meeting, you can also contact a map specialist at the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) at (877) 336-2627 or FEMA-FMIX@fema.dhs.gov.

FEMA Issues a Revised Flood Insurance Rate Map for Genesee County, New York

An Open House on flood risk and insurance is planned for May 15, 2025.

GENESEE CO, New York — County, state and federal officials are working to reduce the effects of severe weather and natural disasters. On March 3, 2025, FEMA released a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Genesee County for the public to see and comment on. Visit the link below for the interactive map. <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/bcac825f0557410aa57a350b0c293cb2/>

The new map gives updated information about the community’s flood risk. The map also shows areas where flood insurance coverage may be required. The current maps for Genesee County (paper, not digital) were developed in the 1980s. Some areas of the preliminary FIRM show major flood hazard changes compared to the maps that are in effect now.

FEMA, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and Genesee County officials invite residents to learn how they may be affected and what they can do to protect themselves. The Flood Risk and Insurance Open House will be held:

In person on

Thursday, May 15, 2025,3 to 6:30 p.m. ET

at:

Genesee County Building #2

3837 West Main Street Road,

Batavia, NY 14020

The Open House will not have a formal presentation. Residents can join at any time between 3 and 6:30 p.m. and can stay for any length of time. At this event, residents can talk one-on-one with FEMA representatives. They can learn more about their flood risk and potential changes to their flood insurance rates and requirements. If you already have flood insurance, please bring a copy of your declaration page. Residents can also see preliminary versions of the FIRM and the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report here. They can use the Old Paper Effective vs. New Digital Preliminary Data Viewer to compare the new preliminary map to the older maps.

The last FIRM for Genesee County was a paper map from the 1980s. The new FIRM will be online, which will make them accessible to more residents. It will also help community members think about how to protect themselves from future flood events. The map and the FIS report are the basis for each community’s floodplain management regulations.

Due to these map changes, some properties in Genesee County may no longer be shown in the high-risk flood zone. This is known as the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). If a building is outside the SFHA on the new FIRM, flood insurance is not federally required. However, it is still recommended for both homeowners and renters.

Some properties may be shown in an SFHA for the first time. Those owners may need to buy flood insurance. Flooding is the number one natural disaster in the United States. Community members should know their current flood risk. This can help them use the tools and programs available to make their property and community safer.