



COBB COUNTY FLOOD MAPS ARE CHANGING

New flood hazard maps for Cobb County are ready for public review. The preliminary maps are the result of a multi-year project to develop accurate and detailed digital flood maps for the Etowah Watershed based on data from the latest mapping and modeling technologies. They are being released by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) under Georgia Department of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and communities throughout Cobb County. The new maps reflect current flooding risks, replacing maps that are based on dated studies. Revisions to these mapping products include residents and business owners in areas of unincorporated Cobb County, City of Acworth, City of Kennesaw, City of Marietta, and City of Smyrna.

Residents and businesses will want to be aware of how the maps are changing, and how the changes may affect new construction and rebuilding decisions, as well as requirements for flood insurance. To help property owners better understand the project and changes, **a public Open House is being held February 22nd at the Cobb County Water System Training Lab, 662 South Cobb Drive in Marietta from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM.** No formal presentation will be made so residents and business owners can visit at their convenience to view the new maps, understand how their properties may be affected, review options that they have and learn more about financial and material steps that they may need to take to protect their investment.

For those who cannot attend, the maps are available at www.GeorgiaDFIRM.com or they can visit Cobb County Water System Stormwater Management Division office located at 680 South Cobb Drive, Marietta, Georgia 30060, on Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00AM and 4:00PM or call James E. Yagadics, P.E. at (770) 419-6437 or William J. Higgins, P.E., CFM. at (770) 419-6434.