



Town of Sullivan's Island

NEWS BULLETIN

NEW FLOOD INSURANCE MAPS

New Preliminary Flood Maps are in and we are dancing the happy dance! A majority of Island-wide flood zones and heights (Base Flood Elevations) have been reduced!

Sullivan's Island has received, and is currently reviewing, the new preliminary flood maps provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Flood Insurance Rate Maps are being updated as part of a map modernization program conducted by FEMA.

In the coming weeks, FEMA will be hosting public meetings to provide the public opportunities to review the maps and ask questions. The public will also have an opportunity to file objections to the mapping of their property. Details about the objection process will be released during the public meetings and on FEMA's website. Although dates of those meetings have not yet been announced, meeting locations and dates will be detailed on the Town's Floodplain webpage at <http://sullivanisland-sc.com/floodplainmanagement>.

The release of preliminary maps is the first step in a yearlong process of review and approval of the final maps. Following the FEMA public meetings, a 90-day appeal period will be opened to allow anyone who has problems with the maps to file their concern with FEMA. During this process of review, the current (official) maps and regulations will remain in effect until the new maps are finalized and approved by Sullivan's Island's Town Council.

The projected date of adoption for the new maps has not yet been determined. However, Town staff estimates sometime between fall of 2017 to spring of 2018. Be assured that the Town of Sullivan's Island will adopt the new maps as soon as possible!

Residents are welcome to stop into Town Hall to view the maps and ask questions or you are welcome to view the preliminary maps online at FEMA's Map Service Center. Below is a link and directions to view preliminary maps online:

<https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload/searchResult.action>

- Click on link above
- Enter State: South Carolina
- Enter county: Charleston
- Click on: Get Preliminary Map Products
- Look on list of maps for **45019C-0539K** or **45019C-0538K**

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