



# News Release

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## Public Meetings Scheduled to Discuss New Preliminary Flood Maps

*Digital maps will be available for public viewing at three locations*

Charleston County residents will have the opportunity to view new preliminary flood maps and ask questions about potential impacts to their property. Residents can meet one-on-one with a variety of specialists who will be available to talk about flood insurance, engineering, building permits and more.

The new preliminary flood maps were produced through a partnership between Charleston County Government, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR), and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Flood maps improve over time as better flood hazard and risk data becomes available. In addition, flood risks change due to construction and development, environmental and floodplain changes as well as other factors. Flood maps are updated periodically to address these changes.

By law, federally regulated or insured mortgage lenders require flood insurance on properties that are located in areas at high risk of flooding. Standard homeowners', business owners', and renters' insurance policies typically don't cover flood damage, so flood insurance is an important consideration for everyone. Flood insurance policies can be purchased from any state licensed property and casualty insurance agent.

Visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) for more information about flood insurance and to locate a local agent.

**Charleston County Building Services has established a hotline to assist with citizen's questions. Please call 843-202-6957 and leave a message with your question and contact information. A staff member will respond as soon as possible.**

### Meeting Dates and Locations

North Charleston  
March 20, 2017 2:00 – 7:00 PM  
Lonnie Hamilton, III Public Services  
Building  
Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
4045 Bridge View Drive

City of Charleston  
March 21, 2017 3:00 – 7:00 PM  
CE Williams Middle School  
640 Butte Street

Mount Pleasant  
March 22, 2017 2:00 – 7:00 PM  
Alhambra Hall  
131 Middle Street

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