

LEARN YOUR PROPERTIES FLOOD RISK

Floods can — and do — occur throughout Louisiana. And flooding not only occurs in high-risk areas but in low- to moderate-risk areas as well. Twenty to 25 percent of all flood insurance claims nationally come from areas designated as low- to moderate-risk areas. Even if you live behind an accredited levee, the risk for flooding is still there, and can be catastrophic.

To view where your property is on the preliminary DFIRMs or download the Flood Insurance study, go to <http://www.lamappingproject.com>.

You may also visit your local community official to see the maps and discuss your property in detail.

Questions about flood maps?

Visit www.lamappingproject.com or, for general information, call the Louisiana Mapping Project (LaMP) Call Center at **1-800-866-3989** between the hours of 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. For specific questions about your property, contact your local community official.

Questions about flood insurance?

Visit www.FloodSmart.gov or speak with your insurance agent.

FROM RELEASE TO FINAL ADOPTION

The new flood maps are targeted to become effective in Winter 2008. At that time, the new flood insurance requirements will also take effect. The map adoption process includes a round of community meetings, and a review of citizen concerns. Some property owners may feel that even though part of the property is in a high-risk area, the house or commercial structure itself sits high enough to warrant a lower flood insurance rate. Owners who wish to challenge the new designation will need to prove that the structure is sufficiently above the base flood elevation. For more details on the appeals and protest process, visit www.fema.gov.

MAP ADOPTION MILESTONES

Early 2008 — Flood Risk Open Houses.

Early 2008 — Start of 90-day public comment period (for filing appeals and protests).

Spring/Summer 2008 *— Review and resolution of appeals and protests. Final flood maps created.

Winter 2008 * — Maps adopted; new insurance requirements take effect.

Visit www.lamappingproject.com to learn more about the preliminary maps and learn when map changes take effect.

For general information, call the
LaMP Call Center/Help Desk at

1-866-751-3989

Open 9:00 am to 4:00 pm CDT
Monday through Friday

* Date subject to change pending completion of review process.

LOUISIANA MAPPING PROJECT (LaMP) OVERVIEW



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Plaquemines Parish, LA - A house floats in an irrigation ditch - far from it's foundation due to Hurricane Katrina.

