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FEMA Flood Map Revisions

CORVALLIS, Ore. – Recent revisions to a Flood Insurance Study in Benton County have altered flood mapping within the county and may impact property owners’ need for flood insurance coverage. In addition to adoption of the new flood maps, Benton County will be updating Development Code regulations for floodplains. A copy of the revisions is available at online at [Benton County Community Development](#).

The new geo-spatially referenced digital flood maps will be used by federally-regulated lending institutions and insurance agents in determining who must purchase flood insurance and the cost of that insurance, if it is necessary. The maps also will be used by city and County officials for floodplain management and permitting purposes. The maps – applying to all of Benton County – result from improved information about topography and geographic features, and not from new analysis or modeling of flood hydrology.

The Flood Insurance Study revision was completed in Benton County through a partnership between the United States Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency and West Consultants, Inc. The revisions update Flood Insurance Rate Maps showing areas that would be inundated by the catastrophic base flood – a flood with a 1-percent chance of occurring in a given year, also known as the “100-year flood.”

By approximately February 2010, local jurisdictions will be required to adopt updated flood-related code provisions in order to maintain current standing with the National Flood Insurance Program’s Community Rating System. Under this system, residents of unincorporated Benton County currently receive a 20-percent discount on flood insurance premiums. Copies of the maps and more information are available from [Benton County Community Development](#).

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