

Quarterly Update of Cahaba Watershed Project

Good Afternoon:

The Alabama Office of Water Resources (OWR) is working with FEMA Region IV to identify and assess the risk of flooding in the Cahaba watershed and to produce updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). Alabama OWR has also prepared a Community Outreach Plan to assist local communities in communicating flood hazards and risks to the citizens within the watershed. This plan identifies a variety of outreach methods to engage, educate, and inform communities and citizens of the benefits of new Flood Insurance Rate Maps and their potential effects.

As a local official, OWR would like to keep you well-informed of the mapping update and outreach implementation process. The first implementation step of the Community Outreach Plan is the distribution of Information Flyers to the (1) General Public; (2) Development Industry; and (3) Lending/Insurance/ Realty Industry. The Information Flyer is the first of 5 flyers that will be prepared and distributed throughout the mapping process and will coincide the following phases: (1) Discovery; (2a) Map Production – Engineering Analyses; (2b) Map Production – floodplain delineation; (3) Preliminary FIRM and Flood Insurance Study (FIS); and (5) Effective FIRM and FIS.

The Information Flyers will be posted to the OWR website and will be sent to your local floodplain administrator for posting on your local community website. OWR will work closely with your local floodplain administrator throughout the map update process.

CAHABA WATERSHED Project Status/Points

1. 90-Day Appeal Period for Argo and Leeds ended May 28, 2019
2. Final mapping has begun
3. Letters of Final Determination (LFD) tentatively scheduled for October 17, 2019
4. Effective tentatively scheduled for April 17, 2020
5. Upcoming tasks include Letters of Final Determination, Effective, and Mitigation Opportunities Meeting

Please contact me by phone at 334.353.5061 or by email at casie.pritchard@adeca.alabama.gov if you have any questions or specific community outreach needs.

Sincerely,

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