

What you should know about Interim Floodplain Maps

The 2013 Flood significantly changed creek size, shape and location in many areas throughout Boulder County. The flood also provided new information that will be used for future floodplain maps. Boulder County is currently in the process of determining where new floodplain maps are needed for the safety of residents and for regulatory purposes.

The process for getting a new floodplain map adopted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will take several years. The Colorado Water Conservation Board has developed an interim floodplain map using post-flood conditions. The interim floodplain shows the approximate position of the relocated 100-year floodplain.

The interim maps are currently being used for information and guidance only. However, Boulder County strongly recommends that residents whose properties are on the interim floodplain map take the new information into consideration when making any decisions including purchasing a property, development on a property or assessing the need for flood insurance.

Properties that are on the existing regulatory floodplain map must continue to comply with all FEMA and county floodplain regulations.

For more information call 303-441-3900 or email floodplainadmin@bouldercounty.org.

AM I REQUIRED TO PURCHASE FLOOD INSURANCE IF MY PROPERTY IS ON THE INTERIM FLOODPLAIN MAP?

In most cases, you will not be required to purchase flood insurance. Your mortgage lender or insurance company will make the final determination.

AM I REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT IF MY PROPERTY IS ON THE INTERIM FLOODPLAIN MAP?

No. At this time, the interim floodplain map is for information and guidance only. However, taking steps to incorporate flood proofing measures into your development plans may protect your home during future flood events and significantly reduce flood insurance rates if they are required in the future.

IF A PROPERTY IS ON THE INTERIM FLOODPLAIN MAP, WILL IT EVENTUALLY BE ON THE NEW FEMA FLOODPLAIN MAP?

It is possible that some properties on the interim floodplain map will be on the new FEMA floodplain map and other properties will not. The nature of the flood makes it difficult to predict exactly what the new FEMA floodplain maps will include. The interim floodplain map is an approximation.

IS MY PROPERTY ELIGIBLE FOR FLOOD INSURANCE IF IT IS ON THE INTERIM FLOODPLAIN MAP?

Yes. Flood insurance is available to all homeowners in Boulder County. More information about flood insurance can be found at www.floodsmart.gov.

Important Links

INTERIM FLOODPLAIN MAP

<http://bit.ly/BoCoFloodMap>

FLOODPLAIN INFO REQUEST FORM

<http://bit.ly/FloodMapInfo>

FLOOD INSURANCE

www.floodsmart.gov

FLOOD PREPARATION

www.ready.gov/floods

