



Flood Map Modernization

Nationwide, Flood Map Modernization is an effort led by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to create updated, digital flood hazard maps in partnership with state, regional and local government agencies as well as with stakeholder groups. In Hillsborough County, Map Modernization has been conducted with the cooperation and support of the organizations below.

The Stakeholder Advisory Group

Map Modernization affects not only property owners, but a wide range of professional and service groups - builders, realtors, insurers, planners, and citizens associations, for example. To ensure that stakeholders were actively involved in the process, and understood the effects that map changes might have, the County formed a Stakeholder Advisory Group. This group has also aided in formulating an outreach plan, reviewed material and has helped educate colleagues and constituents about the coming changes.

Area Partners Make A Difference

Hillsborough County's map modernization effort has benefited greatly from the counsel of its community partners. Participating organizations include:

- Greater Tampa Area Realtors
- Tampa Bay Builders Association
- Tampa Bay Chapter, Florida Surveyor and Mapping Society
- Tampa Area Chapter, American Society of Civil Engineers
- Hillsborough County's Citizen Advisory Committee
- National and local insurance companies and agents
- Neighborhood association
- The Planning Commission
- Cities of Plant City, Tampa, and Temple Terrace

State and Federal Partners Provide Added Support

State and Federal partners have also provided ongoing support. These partners include:

- Florida Dept of Community Affairs; Division of Emergency Management
- Southwest Florida Water Management District
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
 - FEMA Region IV
 - FEMA Affiliates
 - FloodSmart - Marketing & Outreach for Flood Insurance
 - National Service Provider - Flood Map Modernization
 - Bureau & Statistical Agent - NFIP Flood Insurance Program

Local Stakeholder Involvement

The Stakeholder Advisory Group has been actively involved in Hillsborough County's outreach efforts.

- In the past year, 4 Stakeholder Advisory Group meetings have been held.
- Presentations were made at several association and industry meetings
- Fact Sheets are being distributed to Real Estate Agents, Insurance Agents, Builders, Developers & Surveyors throughout the County
- News Articles have been placed in local publications and websites

Hillsborough County will continue to work with its partners to inform the public of the map changes, their possible effects, and where people can go to learn more.