

MAPPING THE RISK

FLOOD MAP
MODERNIZATION



Sample Stakeholder Newsletter Article— Short Version



Hillsborough County's Flood Maps Are Changing!

This fall, Hillsborough County enters a new era. A multi-year project to develop detailed, digital flood hazard maps is nearing completion. Preliminary maps will be released October 19, and will undergo a several-month review and comment period before their final adoption next fall. The new maps reflect current flooding risks, replacing maps that are up to 25 years old. Property owners throughout the county will have up-to-date, Internet-accessible information about their flood risk, and can look up their property online at www.hillsboroughcounty.org to learn if their risk level has changed

Residents and businesses will want to be aware of how the maps are changing, and how the changes may affect new construction and requirements for flood insurance. Visit www.hillsboroughcounty.org to see the preliminary maps, see what areas will be affected, find out about upcoming related community meetings and learn more about the flood map modernization project. For general information about the upcoming map changes, call the Hillsborough County Citizen Action Center at 813-272-5900. The Center is open 7am-11pm 7 days a week.