



**NOAA'S NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GREENVILLE-SPARTANBURG
LOWERS THE FLOOD STAGE ON THE SALUDA RIVER NEAR OLD EASLEY
BRIDGE ROAD FORECAST POINT**

FACT SHEET

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- NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS) at Greenville-Spartanburg (GSP) will be lowering the official flood stage for the river forecast point on the Saluda River near Old Easley Bridge road effective March 14, 2013.
- Reviews of new inundation maps for this river forecast point and feedback from local floodplain and emergency managers have concluded that the current flood stage of 12 ft should be lowered. Local officials have determined that at a level of 8 ft. water from the river will be above bank full and will approach homes. At 9.5 ft. these homes will be flooded and other areas along the river will need to be evacuated. The new inundation maps produced by the SC USGS will be available for viewing sometime in mid-March at the following web site;
<http://wim.usgs.gov/FIMI/>
- Therefore the official flood stage will be lowered from a current flood stage of 12 feet to 9.5 feet at the Saluda river gage near Old Easley Bridge Road.
- Accurate and timely flood forecasts are an important part of NOAA's mission and are part of NOAA's NWS continuing effort to serve society's needs for weather and water information.

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On the Web:

National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration: www.noaa.gov

NWS Greer, South Carolina: <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/gsp>

AHPS program: <http://newweb.erh.noaa.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=gsp>

National Weather Service: www.weather.gov

National Weather Service, Eastern Region: www.erh.noaa.gov