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Congressman Larson and FEMA to Host Public Meeting on Flood Plan Revisions in West Hartford

Hartford, CT- U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01) and officials from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) will host a public outreach meeting regarding the recent revisions to the 100 year flood plan boundary maps on Tuesday, July 14th from 5:30-7:30pm at the West Hartford Town Hall Auditorium. After hearing concerns from residents in towns throughout his district, Congressman Larson asked FEMA to participate in a public meeting explaining the recent flood mapping changes.

During the meeting, property owners will have the opportunity to hear from FEMA representatives on the remapping process. In addition, FEMA will provide attendees of the meeting information about the National Flood Insurance Program.

Across the country, FEMA is updating flood maps that display flood risk at a property-by-property level. As new maps are issued, property flood risk might change as well as property owners requirements to obtain flood insurance. If mapped into a high-risk area, property owners will be required to purchase flood insurance if the mortgage is through a federally regulated or insured lender.

In West Hartford, over 120 residents who contacted Congressman Larson's office and West Hartford Mayor R. Scott Slika concerning the flood map revisions received an invitation letter to the public meeting. In addition, Congressman Larson also sent letters to residents who were newly designated in high-risk flood areas from Berlin, East Hartford, East Windsor, Portland, and Wethersfield.

The meeting is open to the public, and FEMA suggests attendees to bring documentation related to questions about flood insurance or flood zone designation. In addition, all non-residents of West Hartford attending the meeting should ask their town engineer's office for a plot/tax map with structures including GEO Referencing of the flood layers for your property. The Town of West Hartford will have plot/tax maps on hand at the meeting for its residents.

Please contact Congressman Larson's Office at 860-278-8888 if you have any questions concerning the meeting.

What: Public Meeting on FEMA Flood Plan Revisions

Where: West Hartford Town Hall Auditorium

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When: July 14th 2009 5:30-7:30pm

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