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## **Interactive draft flood maps available online**

GLYNN COUNTY, Ga. – New interactive draft flood maps have been posted at [www.glynncounty.org/draftfloodmaps](http://www.glynncounty.org/draftfloodmaps). The new webpage allows users to search an address within the GIS interface to determine the proposed and current flood zones for a specific location. Flood maps show the extent to which areas are at risk for flooding, and when they become effective, updated maps will be used to help determine flood insurance and building requirements. Pending the FEMA approval process, the new draft maps are estimated to become effective July 2017.

The new preliminary maps were released through a partnership among Glynn County, the City of Brunswick, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. They are more precise than older maps because better flood hazard and risk data make the maps more accurate. The ultimate goal is protecting property owners and the community from the risks associated with flooding. Over time, flood risks change due to construction and development, environmental changes, floodplains widen or shift, and other factors. Flood maps are updated periodically to reflect these changes.

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