

## News Release

### FEMA Issues a Revised Flood Insurance Rate Map for Saratoga County, New York

*There will be an Open House on flood risk and insurance on June 11, 2025.*

SARATOGA CO, New York — County, state and federal officials are working to reduce the effects of severe weather and natural disasters. On January 31, 2025, FEMA released a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Saratoga County, for the public to see and comment on. The new map gives updated information about the community's flood risk. It will show where flood insurance coverage may be required. The current maps for Saratoga County (paper, not digital) were developed in the 1980s. Some areas of the preliminary FIRM show major changes to the flood hazards on those maps.

FEMA, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and Saratoga County officials invite residents to learn how they may be affected and what they can do to protect themselves. The Flood Risk and Insurance Open House will be held:

In person on  
**Wednesday, June 11, 2025**  
**3 to 7 p.m.**  
at the:  
**Paul E. Lent Public Safety Facility**  
**6012 County Farm Road**  
**Ballston Spa, NY 12020**

The Open House will not have a formal presentation. Residents can join at any time between 3 and 7 p.m. They can stay for any length of time. At this event, residents will be able to talk one-on-one with FEMA representatives. They can learn more about their flood risk and how their flood insurance rates and requirements may change. If you already have flood insurance, please bring a copy of your declaration page. Residents can also see preliminary versions of the FIRM and the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report [here](#). They can use the [Old Paper Effective vs. New Digital Preliminary Data Viewer](#) to compare the new preliminary map to the older maps.

The last FIRMs for Saratoga County were paper maps from the 1980s. The new FIRM will be online, which will let more residents access them. It will also help community members think about how to protect themselves from future flood events. The map and FIS report are the basis for each community's floodplain management regulations.

Due to these map changes, some properties in Saratoga County may no longer be in the high-risk flood zone. This is known as the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). If a building is outside the SFHA on the new FIRM, flood insurance is no longer federally required. However, it is still recommended, for both homeowners and renters.

Some properties will be included in the SFHA for the first time. Those owners may need to buy flood insurance. Flooding is the number one natural disaster in the United States. Community members should know their current flood risk. This can help them use tools and programs to make their property and community safer.

Would you like to request a reasonable accommodation (sign language, real-time captioning or other)? Please email [Michael.Foley3@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Michael.Foley3@fema.dhs.gov) or [FEMA-CivilRightsOffice@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-CivilRightsOffice@fema.dhs.gov). You may also call FEMA's Civil Rights Resource Line at 833-285-7448.

To learn more or to see the flood maps online, visit FEMA's Flood Map Service Center at [msc.fema.gov](https://msc.fema.gov). At [floodsmart.gov](https://floodsmart.gov), you can learn about flood insurance. You may also contact a map specialist at the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX). Call 877-336-2627 or email them at [FEMA-FMIX@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-FMIX@fema.dhs.gov).

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