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Sarasota County to hold open house meetings on new floodplain management plan and flood mitigation grants

Officials from Sarasota County Environmental Services, the City of Sarasota, the Town of Longboat Key and the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) are inviting residents and business owners to preview the updated Floodplain Management Plan for Sarasota County.

Public meetings will be held:

- 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 8, Fruitville Library, 100 Coburn Road, Sarasota
- 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9, Selby Library, 1331 First Street, Sarasota
- 2-4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9, Woodmere Park, Room B-1, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Sarasota

The goals of the Floodplain Management Plan are:

- Increase public awareness of known flood hazard areas, availability of flood insurance and flood protection methods.
- Protect sensitive areas of the floodplain.
- Provide adequate warning to residents of storm events, impending floods.
- Continue to investigate ways to prevent future flood loss from property damage.
- Prevent new development from adversely affecting existing floodplain levels.

Floodplain Management Plans provide for a comprehensive summary, evaluation and opportunity for input from community stakeholders as to what the community's best management practices are to reduce flood loss.

For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit www.scgov.net, keyword "flood"