



Hillsborough
County Florida

New Flood Maps for Bullfrog Creek Area



New Flood Maps Mean Changes in Flood Risk for Bullfrog Creek

A multi-year project by Hillsborough County to re-examine flood risks in the **Bullfrog Creek area** and develop updated, detailed, digital flood hazard maps is nearing completion. Using the latest technologies and most current data, a preliminary Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) was recently released.

This map revision more accurately reflects today's flood risks. As a result, property owners in the Bullfrog Creek area (between Big Bend Road and the East Bay Road Bridge) will have up-to-date, reliable, Internet-accessible information about their flood risk. The updated flood hazard data will help guide building, mitigation, and flood insurance decisions for the County and its residents.

Flood Maps: A Risk Management Must

Flood hazard maps, also known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), are important tools in the effort to protect lives and properties in Hillsborough County. By showing the extent to which Bullfrog Creek areas are at risk for flooding, flood maps help business owners and residents make more informed decisions about protecting their property and financial stability. These maps also allow community planners, local officials, engineers, builders, and others to make important determinations about where and how new structures and developments should be built.

Bullfrog Creek Mapping Milestones

October 2015

Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) study started

December 2017

Preliminary LOMR issued for review
90-day Public Comment period starts

March 2018

Public Comment period ends
Appeals and comments addressed

April 2018

LOMR becomes effective
Changes in flood insurance
requirements become effective

To ensure that everyone within the Bullfrog Creek area has access to the most accurate and up-to-date information about flood risks, the new maps are being made available for public viewing and review at HCFLGov.net/FloodMaps.

A Better Picture of Flood Hazards

Over time, water flow and drainage patterns have changed due to surface erosion, land use, and natural forces. The likelihood of flooding in certain areas has changed along with these factors. New digital maps, more accurate ground elevation data, and updated rainfall and other data will provide more detailed, reliable, and current information about flood risks. The result is a better picture of areas most likely to be impacted by flooding and a better foundation from which to make key financial and building decisions. The flood map update project is performed by Hillsborough County in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).