Christie announces state will adopt FEMA base flood elevation maps

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Sandie Higges – Gov. Chris Christie announced Jan. 24 the state would adopt FEMA’s Regional Map Management Department’s (RMM) flood elevation maps to expedite redetermination of storm damage for flood insurance claims. The Homeowners Insurance Act of 2007 requires the state to adopt new standardized, low-risk flood insurance maps to reduce the time it takes to qualify for standard flood insurance.

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The 19-year-old storm, which lasted from June 27 to July 13, caused $4 billion of insured damages in the state. The storm resulted in 27 deaths and over 200,000 people were displaced from their homes.

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Rescued in December, and based on scientific analysis of various storms, the maps estimate the height of floodwater from certain events.

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