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Preliminary flood maps offer homeowners some relief

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency’s new flood maps offer some relief for homeowners and municipalities.

But changes to the National Flood Insurance Program could raise the equivalent on some homeowners to raise their premiums or face higher premiums.

Cape May County Planning Department Director Leo Gomes and FEMA in holding public outreach forums to make public awareness of the maps and public flood feedback received from homeowners and FEMA in changing the flood maps to make sure that areas are protected.

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Preliminary flood maps for the state of New Jersey were released on December 12 at the Cape May Convention Center, where county homeowners met FEMA representatives who presented the preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map and data for the flood insurance rate for their homes.

The data can be accessed on the flood maps online at www.regionflint.com.

The maps serve as a guide for homeowners, telling them if their properties are at risk and how to mitigate those risks.

According to the FEMA Region II website, homeowners who want to reduce their risk from flooding should consider the use of flood Zone.