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ADVISORY FLOOD ELEVATION MAPS ON THE WEB

TRENTON, N.J. — For Hurricane Sandy survivors who want to rebuild stronger, safer and smarter, knowing their risk of flooding is paramount. Property owners can find the data they need online in new advisory base flood elevation maps published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Advisory maps containing recommended building elevations are available for these counties: Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Union. To learn more, visit the following web sites:

- www.region2coastal.com/sandy/abfe to read more about the advisory map program.
- www.region2coastal.com/sandy/table to view recommendations for a specific address in the counties with advisory maps.
- www.region2coastal.com/site-news to subscribe to FEMA news about flood map updates.
- www.region2coastal.com/faqs for frequently asked questions about advisory maps.

Advisory maps show, based on the best available information, how high structures should be elevated to minimize damage from future flood events. The maps show that portions of communities are in new flood zones, which may impact insurance rates and building practices.

- For information on federal flood insurance visit www.floodsmart.gov. You can also call **888-379-9531** or contact your insurance agent.
- FEMA provides flood insurance resources including publications and frequently asked questions online at www.fema.gov/nfip.

Communities are encouraged to adopt advisory base flood elevation maps to reduce future flood risk and to decrease the cost of flood insurance. Property owners should work with local building officials to fully understand all requirements – including advisory maps – to rebuild stronger, safer and smarter.

Contact your local officials if you have questions about advisory base flood elevation maps and how they affect you and your community.

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