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**DIGITAL PRELIMINARY FLOOD MAPS FOR
COASTAL AREAS OF CAMDEN COUNTY
AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING**

Attend Open House and Learn about Flood Risks in Your Community

WOODBINE, GEORGIA – April 8, 2016 – Newly revised preliminary digital flood insurance rate maps for coastal areas of Camden County, Georgia are available for public viewing. Residents are invited to attend a public open house at the Camden County Public Service Authority (PSA) on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 from 5:00PM to 7:30PM. Flood maps show the extent to which areas are at risk for flooding, and when they become effective, updated maps will be used to help determine flood insurance and building requirements.

The open house provides residents of Camden County and its municipalities the opportunity to see the preliminary maps, learn about their risk of flooding, and ask questions about what the new maps will mean for their property. Residents can meet one-on-one with a variety of specialists who will be available to talk about flood insurance, engineering, building permits and more. The open house will be held at:

Camden County Public Service Authority (PSA)
1050 Wildcat Drive, Kingsland, GA 31548
Wednesday, April 20, 2016
5:00PM – 7:30PM

The new preliminary maps were released through a partnership among Camden County, its municipalities, Department of National Resources (DNR) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The new maps are more precise than older maps because better flood hazard and risk data make the maps more accurate.

The ultimate goal is protecting property owners and the community from the risks associated with flooding. Over time, flood risks change due to construction and development, environmental changes, widening or shifting floodplains, and other factors. Flood maps are updated periodically to reflect these changes.

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Home and business owners, renters, realtors, mortgage lenders, surveyors and insurance agents are encouraged to attend the open house. All who attend can meet with specialists to ask questions and learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation within their communities.

By law, federally regulated or insured mortgage lenders require flood insurance on buildings that are located in areas at high risk of flooding. Standard homeowners', business owners', and renters' insurance policies typically don't cover flood damage, so flood insurance is an important consideration for everyone. Flood insurance policies can be purchased from any state licensed property and casualty insurance agent. Visit www.floodsmart.gov or call 888-379-9531 for more information about flood insurance and to locate a local agent.

About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice." Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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