

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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FEMA has issued a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for a portion of the City of Mandeville to reflect a more accurate description of the floodplain. This change will go into effect January 13, 2017. The Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for a community depicts the floodplain, the area which has been determined to be subject to a 1% (100-year) or greater chance of flooding in any given year. The FIRM is used to determine flood insurance rates and assists the community with floodplain management.

The area included in this Map revision is bounded by Lakeshore Drive to the south; Chase Court to the west; 750 ft north of Monroe St to the North; and Adair Street to the East.

The vast majority of the properties within this area will either see a decrease in base flood elevation (BFE) and/or a flood zone change that positively affects flood insurance rates, effectively decreasing insurance premiums.

Property owners should check their Elevation Certificates to compare the existing base flood elevation(BFE) to the revised base flood elevations and contact their insurance company to determine if a reduction in premium is available.