

## FEMA Flood Map Update 2009

FEMA has undertaken a study to update the flood maps for Niagara County. This process under the control of FEMA was NOT initiated by the Town of Lockport.

1. Residents may contact the Town of Lockport Supervisors office with your name and address. We will be glad to print a color map of your property showing where the proposed floodplain will affect you and your property.
2. Residents that wish the Town of Lockport to “Protest” the floodplain on their parcel should contact the Town as soon as possible so we may discuss your particular circumstances.

### Process:

**Comment Period – will commence on or after February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009.** The period will be **90 days** in duration. During this period of time FEMA will accept “Appeals” & “Protests” which allow residents and affected communities to report inaccuracies and/or errors in the data to FEMA for consideration of changes to the floodplain.

### What is the Town of Lockport doing?

- We are reviewing the data for accuracy?
- We have take site elevations to confirm the accuracy of the FEMA data.
- Uploaded the proposed maps to the [www.elockport.com](http://www.elockport.com) website. (maps & info)
- We will be filing a Protest wherever we find errors in the FEMA data.

### Tonawanda Creek / Wicks Road

Initial review of the FEMA data shows us that residents in the Tonawanda Creek and Wicks Road affected areas will have difficulty establishing sufficient discrepancy from the proposed maps to remove properties from the flood plain.

### Donner Creek

The data along the Donner Creek watershed area shows enough margin of error that we believe a limited number of properties could eventually be removed from the floodplain through the “Protest” process.

The Town of Lockport will file a “Protest” on properties where our data shows enough margin of error to cause the residential structure to be considered for removal from the floodplain.

**Does the Town of Lockport process mean I should do nothing?**

No, you should get involved with the process now.

**What should residents do?**

- You may file any data you may have supporting your belief that your property should not be included with the Town.
- You may file an “Appeal or Protest” on your own.
- You should contact your personal attorney for advice.
- If you are in the Flood Zone now, but were not previously, consider purchasing flood insurance prior to the enactment of the new flood maps because you will get insurance at a reduced rate.

**When will the new flood maps go into effect?**

FEMA has estimated that this process will take approximately 12 months. At this time our best estimate for the implementation of the new flood maps will be January 2010.

The Town of Lockport will do everything possible to help you throughout this process. Please contact us immediately with any questions or concerns you have regarding the updated flood maps.