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SALISBURY, MD – In recognition of “National Insurance Awareness Day” celebrated on June 28th, the Wicomico County Department of Planning and Zoning has updated its “Floodplain” page to include newly released publications from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

“We are getting a head start on the upcoming hurricane season by providing the citizens of Wicomico County with useful information to help them prepare for potential flooding events,” stated Bob Culver, County Executive. “We also want to encourage every homeowner to consider obtaining flood insurance – even if your home is located outside of a mapped floodplain,” he added.

FEMA reports that more than 20 percent of flood insurance claims come from properties outside of mapped flood zones. Wicomico County qualifies for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) by maintaining strict building standards. NFIP communities are provided discounts on flood insurance premiums.

Recent estimates provided by FEMA claim that one inch of water in a home can cost more than \$25,000 in damage. A newly released publication provides guidance on low-cost projects that homeowners can do themselves. “Protect Your Home From Flooding” is now available on the County’s Department of Planning and Zoning web page at: <http://www.wicomicocounty.org/540/Floodplain> or by contacting the Planning and Zoning Department at 410-548-4810.

Additional publications to help homeowners prepare for flooding events, including caring for pets during a flood, are also available on-line or at the Department of Planning and Zoning located at 125 N. Division Street in downtown Salisbury. Homeowners can also visit the department for individual guidance with improvements to prevent flooding.

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