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## **FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP FOR ARANSAS COUNTY RESIDENTS**

ROCKPORT, TX -- Texas Sea Grant and the Mission Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve, in conjunction with the Town of Fulton, City of Aransas Pass, City of Rockport and Aransas County, are hosting a Floodplain Management Plan workshop on Thursday, January 19, from 6 – 8 pm at the Fulton Town Hall, located at 209 N. 7th. Similar events have been held in Rockport and Aransas Pass over the past several months.

The government entities are working closely with Texas Sea Grant in developing a floodplain management plan, which will be presented to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the establishment of a community rating. The Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive platform, under the National Flood Insurance Program, that recognizes communities for implementing floodplain management practices that exceed the Federal minimum requirements of the NFIP to provide protection from flooding.

In exchange for a community's proactive efforts to reduce flood risk, policyholders can receive reduced flood insurance premiums for buildings in the community. According to Rockport's Community Planner Amanda Torres, these reduced premiums reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from community efforts.

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The workshop will consist of a review of the draft version of the Plan's first five chapters and discuss potential goals and actions for how Aransas County might address floodplain management in the future. A copy of the draft version is available for review on the City of Rockport web site (<http://www.cityofrockport.com/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/1333>).

For additional information on the workshop, please contact Amanda Torres at (361) 790-1125, x 226. Individuals who are unable to attend the workshop, but would like to provide written comments may email them to [AransasCountyFMP@gmail.com](mailto:AransasCountyFMP@gmail.com). If email is unavailable, or if residents would prefer to provide comments in a different manner, please call Karen Bareford at (361) 825-3332. The deadline for comments is January 27, 2017.