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## **CITY TO HOST FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP**

ROCKPORT, TX -- The City of Rockport, in conjunction with Texas Sea Grant and the Mission Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve, is hosting a Floodplain Management Plan workshop on Thursday, September 1 from 6 – 8 pm at the Bay Education Center, located at 121 Seabreeze Drive. The Center is directly across from the entrance to Rockport Beach Park.

The City is 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 outline current flood hazards and proposed mitigation, as well as a timeline for completion of the project. Additionally, the results from the Community Survey will be reviewed.

Residents and businesses are invited to attend to learn more about the program and its impact on Rockport. Current floodplain maps can be found on the City's web site at <http://www.cityofrockport.com/603/Floodplain-Information-and-Management>. For additional information on the workshop, please contact Amanda Torres at 361- 790-1125 x 226.