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## **County Flood Rating Improves**

GLYNN COUNTY, Ga.- Glynn County has received notification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that based upon the County's efforts to improve knowledge of flooding and reduce the potential for flooding the County's Community Rating System (CRS) has improved from a Class 8 to a Class 7. This represents a five percent discount in standard rated flood insurance premiums for properties. Nationwide, flood rates are expected to rise and some subsidies are being eliminated due to the federal Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. It is anticipated that the improvement of Glynn County's class rating will somewhat offset these upcoming increases in federal flood insurance rates.

The decrease in the County's rating applies only to unincorporated Glynn County and excludes Jekyll Island. Glynn County plans to continue taking steps to improve ratings further in order to obtain additional discounts for the citizens.

Flood insurance is available to both property owners and renters and has a thirty day waiting period before it becomes effective. Rates are established by FEMA based upon the flood zone of the property. You can verify whether your property is in a flood zone by using the County's GIS webpage property map/records search and entering your address in the search options. <http://www.glynncounty.org/index.aspx?NID=1097> A map will appear with a column of options on the left side of the screen. By selecting 'FEMA flood zones' the information will appear.

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