

Flood Risk Workshop For Palm Beach Residents

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The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, in partnership with Resilient Enterprise Solutions, is holding a Flood Risk Workshop on Saturday, December 5th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at its headquarters, located at 311 Peruvian Avenue, Palm Beach. In response to COVID-19, the event will be held outdoors and follow CDC guidelines for social distancing. Masks will be required. The open house style workshop is complimentary and open to the public.

Education about flood risk and protection is of increasing importance as hurricanes grow more severe, King Tides rise higher and last longer, and extreme rainfall regularly floods our streets. Nearly half of the homes in the Town of Palm Beach are in Special Flood Hazard Areas, as defined by FEMA. At this workshop, residents will have the opportunity to learn about how they will be affected by new FEMA maps and flood insurance rates, and how to best utilize this information to protect their homes from flooding.

The workshop will involve participants from FEMA, the Town of Palm Beach, and insurance officials as well as resilient renovation business leaders specializing in home elevation and other flood proofing strategies. Property look-up stations will offer residents information on their home's FEMA flood zone and flood risk experts will be available to discuss site-specific mitigation options.

Amanda Skier, Executive Director of the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach explains, "We started our Water Rising Series two years ago to educate residents on how changing water levels will directly transform the way we interact with the built environment. This workshop is an essential continuation of that outreach and we hope it will spur greater public interest in addressing this issue through design and building innovations that will enable us to preserve the historic beauty of Palm Beach now and long in to the future. "

"New FEMA maps are coming out next year – they'll surely cause flood insurance rates to rise," said George Fechter, RES Chairman. "Now is the time to get serious about pre-disaster flood prevention, bolstering our homes in advance of storms, not after."

"Elevating and floodproofing your home – that's an investment in the future of your family's most significant asset," said Katie Carpenter of RES' Southeast division.

Presentations from the workshop will be filmed and made available to stream for those who cannot attend in person. The rain date is scheduled for Sunday, December 6th.

For more information, and to register, please visit:

<https://www.palmbeachpreservation.org/flood-risk-workshop>

About the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach

The Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach is dedicated to preserving the architectural and cultural heritage, and the unique scenic quality of the Town of Palm Beach. Through advocacy initiatives, educational programs, architectural resources, and cultural events, the Foundation's goal is to encourage the community to learn about and protect the places that make Palm Beach special.

About Resilient Enterprise Solutions, LLC

Resilient Enterprise Solutions is a team of entrepreneurs, engineers and builders specializing in home elevation and floodproofing who offer coastal homeowners a high-quality, financially attractive home mitigation service. With over 40 million Americans living in areas at high risk of flooding, RES estimates that demand for home elevations and floodproofing will continue to grow. RES Alliance Partners also offer elevation certificates, financing assistance and insurance guidance.