Links to Flood Preparedness Websites

If you have received this list as a paper copy, you can find these links from either the <u>City of Albany</u> or <u>Dougherty County</u> websites. From City of Albany (www.albanyga.gov), navigate to About Us > City Departments > Planning & Development. A <u>Flooding and Flood</u> <u>Prevention</u> link appears on the left of screen (or subpage on mobile). From Dougherty County (www.dougherty.ga.us) navigate to the VISITORS/COMMUNITY drop down menu at upper right of screen, and Flooding and Flood Prevention link appears under CITIZEN INFORMATION.

All public libraries in the city and county have public-access computers that may be utilized by library patrons to view these websites on the internet. However, if you are unable to access the internet, you may also call the phone numbers available below for further information.

CodeRED Emergency Notification System is a high-speed telephone notification system that automatically calls citizens in the path of severe weather just moments after a warning has been issued by the National Weather Service. This limited CodeRED Weather Warning subscription is available to Albany and Dougherty County citizens at no direct cost.

229-431-3262 (if no internet access, call M - F, 8 am to 5pm to register) CodeRED Weather Warning Enrollment

The Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH) The non-profit Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH®) is the country's leading consumer advocate for strengthening homes and safeguarding families from natural and manmade disasters. This website has a video library on how to protect your home. <u>www.flash.org</u>

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website provides information on disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery, education, and references. A Letter of Map Amendment or Map Change is a FEMA-issued document that officially removes a property from the SFHA because it has been proven that the property is above the 100-year base flood elevation. 800-427-2419 (toll-free) for information; 800-480-2520 (toll-free) to order publications fema.gov FEMA Letters of Map Amendment (LOMAs)

Application Process for Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) Protect Your Property or Business from Disaster

FEMA's Map Service Center (MSC) is the official government distribution center for digital and paper flood hazard mapping products created by FEMA for the National Flood Insurance Program.

All current flood maps (Flood Insurance Rate Maps) effective for the entire U.S. and its Territories are available. You can also create a FIRMette, which is a copy of these maps that will fit on an 8 ½" x 11" sheet of paper. FIRMettes have the same legal status as the normal size maps and can be used for all aspects of the NFIP, including floodplain management, flood insurance, and enforcement of mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements. Also, the MSC website includes Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports, and Letters of Map Change (LOMC). 877-336-2627 (toll-free) www.msc.fema.gov

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) website provides information about floods, risk of financial loss due to flooding and flood insurance.

888-379-9531 (toll-free) www.floodsmart.gov

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) GEMA's mission is to provide a comprehensive and aggressive all-hazards approach to homeland security initiatives, mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery and special events in order to protect life and property and prevent and/or reduce negative impacts of terrorism and natural disasters in Georgia.

800-879-4362 (toll-free) gema.georgia.gov

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is a federal agency focused on the condition of the oceans and the atmosphere. The NOAA provides prediction and flood preparedness tools for the Flint River in Albany. This includes a hydrograph, interactive flood inundation mapping, history of high and low water records, and other information regarding the Flint River. There is a gage which measures the water level of the river. It is located at the railroad bridge over the Flint River just south of the Liberty Expressway. These tools are designed to improve flood warnings and emergency management along the Flint River in Albany.

850-942-8833 (Tallahassee Weather Forecast Office) Interactive Flood Inundation Map for the Flint River in Albany

NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The broadcasts cannot be heard on a simple AM/FM radio receiver. NWR requires a special radio capable of picking up the VHF public service band frequencies. Ensure that your NOAA Weather Radio receives all 7 frequencies: 162.400, 162.425, 162.450, 162.475, 162.500, 162.525, 162.550

<u>NOAA Weather Radio Information</u> <u>National Weather Service 7-day forecast for Albany, GA</u>

Ready America is the FEMA website for educating and empowering Americans to prepare for emergencies. Prepare, plan and stay informed. The *Ready* Campaign asks individuals to do three key things to prepare for the unexpected: (1) get an emergency supply kit, (2) make a family emergency plan, and (3) be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses.

800-480-2520 (toll-free) to order Ready publications from the FEMA warehouse www.ready.gov

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has been monitoring stream stage and streamflow at a number of sites on the Flint River for many decades, including the Flint River at Albany (USGS site 02352000). This website offers information about the streamflow and flooding characteristics at the Flint River at Albany site. The USGS National Streamflow Information Program funds a live webcam at the Flint River to allow you to view, in real time, the current river-stage conditions. The webcam faces northeast and centers on the Flint River at the Riverfront Park RR Bridge.

Live Webcam Video at Flint River at Albany

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