

RFMC Meeting Announcements, 4/17/2024

- [Take a Hike: Building and Connecting Trails Across the Region- Regional Conservation Initiative Peer Exchange](#), Experts from National Parks Services and Rails to Trails Conservancy will share insights on trail planning and available resources. Representatives from Harris County Precinct 3 and the FM 1093 Rails to Trails Local Government Corporation will share their experiences with planning and building trails in the region.
- [MATCH Tool Virtual Preferences Survey](#), The MATCH Team's development of the MATCH Tool is launching a visual preferences survey to collect data from an even wider audience of potential users.
- [TWDB 2023 Texas Quick Guide](#), a resource tool on floodplain management designed for both floodplain managers and communities now available!
- **Public Comment Periods Open for Individual Assistance, and a rule change for Standard Flood Insurance Policy**
 - [Changes to FEMA's Individual Assistance Program](#), FEMA is making changes to increase equity in the Individual Assistance program by simplifying processes, removing barriers to entry, and increasing eligibility for certain types of assistance. We will send out a link for you to read about the changes and stakeholders can also offer written comments about the changes no later than July 22, 2024.
 - [NFIP New Standard Flood Insurance Policy- Homeowner Flood Form](#), This proposed rule would revise the Standard Flood Insurance Policy by adding a new Homeowner Flood Form and five accompanying endorsements. The new Homeowner Flood Form would replace the Dwelling Form as a source of coverage for homeowners of one-to-four-family residences. Together, the new Homeowner Flood Form and endorsements would more closely align with property and casualty homeowners' insurance and provide increased options and coverage in a more user-friendly and comprehensible format.
- [FEMA Webinar- Identifying Repeatedly Flooded Structures in Your Community](#), Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. In this presentation, FEMA will tell you how to request repeat flood data for your community and ways to incorporate the data into mitigation efforts.
- Today, Texas Land Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D., addressed the Houston City Council and held a press conference with Mayor John Whitmire and Harris County Commissioners Lesley Briones and Tom Ramsey to [announce an extension to the Hurricane Harvey disaster recovery funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#).

As a reminder, future meetings of the RFMC will be as follows:

- July 17, 2024, from 1:30-3:30 PM online only - [Register to Attend](#)
- October 16, 2024, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in person only, at H-GAC - [Register to Attend](#)