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## **Knox County to Update Floodplain Maps**

*KNOXVILLE, Tenn.*— Thanks to federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding, Knox County is embarking on a community-led hydrological survey to remap eight stream corridors, with a specific focus on enhancing accuracy and updating floodplain maps to address local flood risk.

Qualified surveyors and engineers from WSP Engineering and Robert Campbell Engineering, working on behalf of Knox County, started surveying the creeks in November. Survey professionals will take necessary precautions to minimize any disruption to properties during their surveying work. Property owners will receive notices in the mail if personnel plan to access the streams through their property. Please be advised that surveyors will not require access to anyone's home or any private structures on their land.

In Spring 2024, Risk Maps will be unveiled to the public at a Community Engagement and Risk Communication (CERC) meeting, with the primary objective of empowering community members with a clear understanding of their flood risk and the array of available options to bolster their resilience. While every community faces some level of flood risk, the new maps and flood products resulting from this project will provide vital information for mitigation strategies and informed decisions about insuring against flood risk.

The creeks that are scheduled to be surveyed are Strong Creek, Conner Creek, Roseberry Creek, Meadow Creek, Stock Creek, Shining Creek (Sinking East), Legg Creek, and Woods Creek. For more information about Knox County's hazard mitigation planning, floodplain management, or to inquire about these initiatives, please contact Eddy Roberts at 865-215-5234 or [eddy.roberts@knoxcounty.org](mailto:eddy.roberts@knoxcounty.org).

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