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HELP SHAPE THE NEW SMITHVILLE

CLINTON, Miss. – Smithville residents can help decide the future of their town at a community open house from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 21 at the Monroe County Government Complex, 1619 Hwy. 25 N., Amory.

“This is a unique opportunity to shape Smithville for your family now and in the future,” said Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Director Mike Womack.

On display will be artists’ visions of schools, housing, businesses, and public places. Residents can post their comments about each of the proposed projects and “vote” by placing a green dot (like) or red dot (don’t like) by the pictures.

“We want to hear your ideas about the future of education, downtown development, housing, recreation and zoning,” said Federal Coordinating Officer Terry L. Quarles.

Everyone who lives in or is planning to return to Smithville—regardless of age—is encouraged to participate in the informal event.

Community planners and designers will be at the open house to describe the various projects on display and explain the long-term recovery process so far.

Residents are urged to get involved. Interested citizens are welcome at any of the ongoing community groups. The groups are divided into five main areas:

- Community.
- Education.
- Economic development.
- Housing.
- Infrastructure.

Residents can stop by the open house at their convenience and spend as much, or as little, time as they choose.

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Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-FEMA (3362). For TTY call 800-462-7585.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

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