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Water Commission Releases NDRAM Tutorial Video

The Water Commission recently celebrated the one-year anniversary and successful launch of the flood-risk information tool, North Dakota Risk Assessment MapService (NDRAM). In recognition of the milestone project and to further assist users, the agency has released a NDRAM tutorial video.

NDRAM, a robust tool designed by Water Commission staff in 2019, allows users to visually display current flood risks, both non-regulatory floodplains from Base Level Engineering (BLE), and effective regulatory floodplains from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

"NDRAM was specifically designed as a one-stop shop resource for flood risk information," said Laura Horner, North Dakota Risk MAP Coordinator. "Ultimately, we want to help citizens make informed and educated decisions involving potential risk."

To further enhance the platform and provide additional information, a NDRAM tutorial video has been produced to support users. The nearly ten-minute video provides a step-by-step guide on how to navigate NDRAM and aid in accessing the useful data. FEMA, the North Dakota Department of Health, and the Water Commission worked cooperatively in the completion of this video.

"Throughout the past year, the NDRAM platform has serviced the citizens of North Dakota in many ways and has proven to be exceedingly beneficial," noted John Paczkowski, Interim State Engineer. "The NDRAM tutorial video showcases how beneficial the tool is and can further guide residents in preparation for future floods, aid in making educated real estate investments, and assist in planning community mitigation actions."

For more information, please visit the Water Commission's website, YouTube, and MapService.

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