



## **Changes to Floodplain Map Takes Nearly All of Palmer Lake Out of Floodplain**

**Palmer Lake** – Living in Palmer Lake just became a little more affordable for nearly everyone.

Some residents and business owners in a flood hazard area in Palmer Lake and along Butler Canyon, based on decades old maps, are now out of the floodplain thanks to the hard work by the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department.

After collecting data for the area using new modeling methods and aerial imagery, Floodplain Administrator, Keith Curtis, submitted two Letters of Map Revision, or LOMR, to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. (FEMA) Both were accepted, correcting the flood risk for nearly all of Palmer Lake. (Two maps attached)

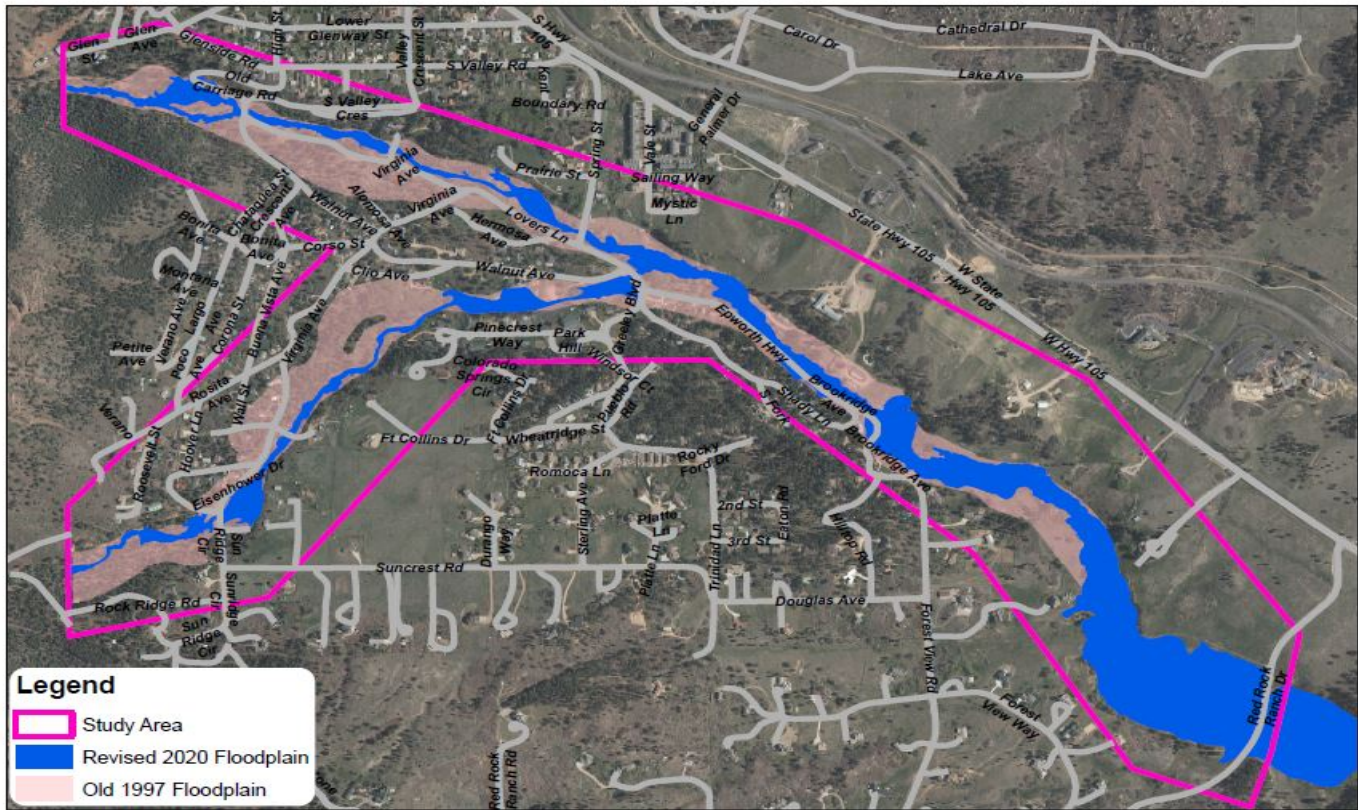
This means nearly 52 homes and businesses are no longer considered to be in the floodplain and would not be required to have flood insurance, potentially saving owners thousands of dollars. The change is even good news for the people that remain in the floodplain because it will likely reduce their flood insurance premiums.

In addition to the existing homes and businesses, 40 vacant parcels were also removed from the floodplain, potentially making them more affordable and easier to develop, adding value to the community.

\*We estimate this change will collectively save the citizens of Palmer Lake more than \$100,000 a year.\*

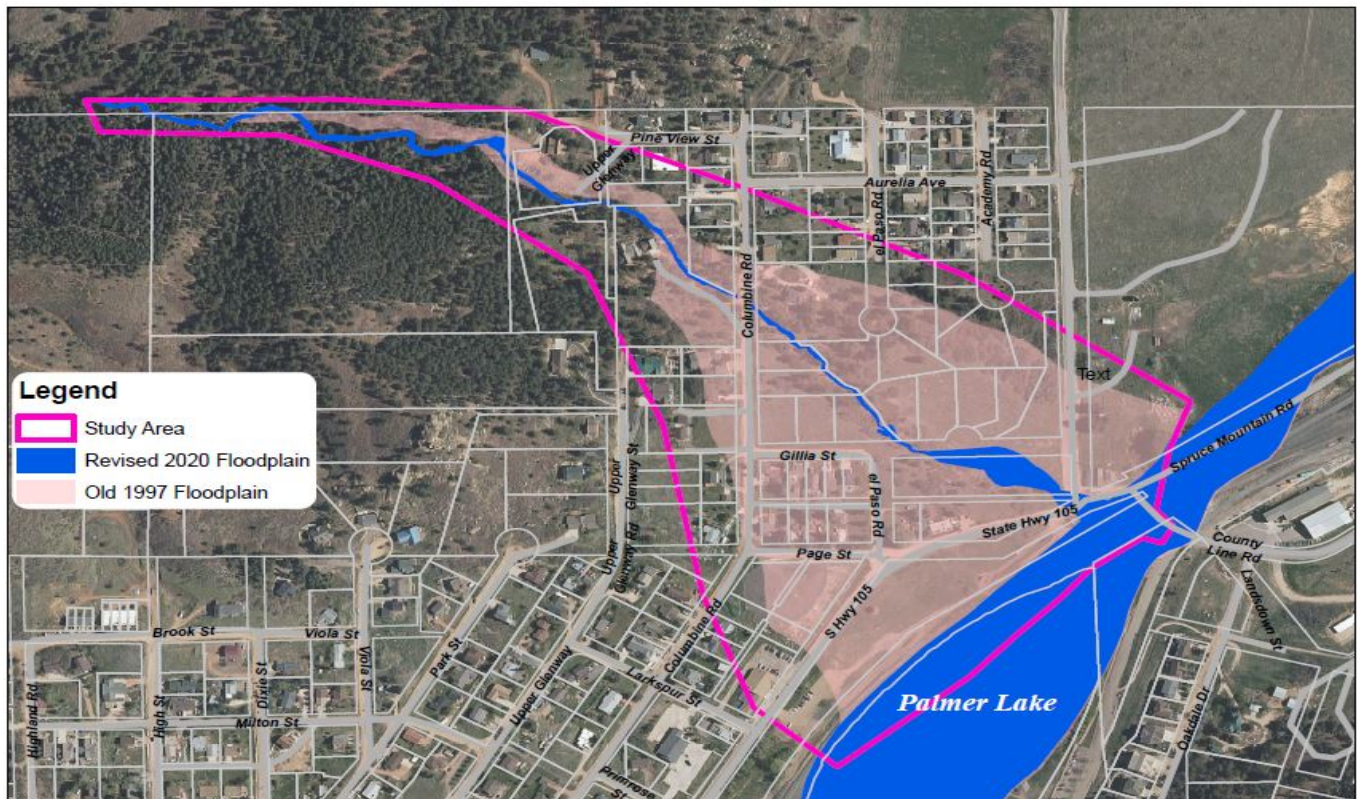
Residents and businesses in this special flood hazard area are encouraged to contact their insurance provider to make sure the new changes have been applied to their plan. Residents wanting to find out if their home is in one of the two newly revised areas should contact the Pikes Peak Regional Building Department's floodplain division at 719-327-2898.

## Palmer Lake Floodplain Map Revision 09/11/2019



Flood Risk Corrected for 34 Structures and 18 Parcels

## Butler Canyon Floodplain Map Revision 12/17/2019



Flood Risk Corrected for 18 Structures and 22 Parcels