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FEMA OFFERS BASEMENT FLOODING AVOIDANCE PROGRAM

DOWNERS GROVE, Ill. — Workshops are being offered in several Chicago neighborhoods, where residents can learn cost-effective ways they can protect property against future flooding.

Mitigation specialists from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are offering workshops on small projects that can be undertaken by homeowners to reduce a home's vulnerability to future flooding. The projects are small in scope and can be completed at a relatively reasonable cost.

Homeowners and members of service clubs, civic organizations, church groups and others in areas which had significant basement flood damage are encouraged to attend a workshop.

Scheduled workshops are:

Saturday, Oct. 16

Two workshops - 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Washington Square (Old Navy Building)

4905 W. North Ave.

Chicago, IL 60639

Monday, Oct. 18 – 6:30 p.m.

Cicero Community Center

2250 S. 49th Ave.

Cicero, IL 60804

Saturday, Oct. 23 – 11 a.m.

Broadview Baptist Church

2100 S. 25th Ave.

Broadview, IL 601

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