

Forest County Countywide Map Update Kickoff Meeting

Meeting date/time: Thursday, April 13, 2023, 2:30 p.m.

Zoom meeting and in-person

Agenda

- Introductions
- Risk MAP Overview / NFIP
- Countywide Map Update Project Scope
- Desired Input from Communities
- Engineering Methods / Mitigation
- Individual questions/discussion
- Close

Meeting Synopsis

Introductions of state and FEMA staff were made (meeting attendance list included below). Emily then summarized the goals of RiskMAP and the timeline for the project; provided basic information about the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP); gave broad details about what the affected communities can expect to see out of this project; and explained what types of data we would like to obtain from the county/communities. Details on the project specifics and scope of work, impacts the communities might see from the new data, and hazard mitigation topics were also briefly discussed.

Chad discussed the engineering behind the floodplain update. There will be redelineations of 7 lakes and streams using the 2017 LiDAR to update existing detailed studies. Zone A areas will remain Zone As, be model backed with current engineering standards and include elevations. This project is currently funded through Draft work maps.

The Forest County Hazard Mitigation Plan is up to date.

During the meeting, questions were asked related to the ability to convert Zone A studies to detailed studies by submitting Zone A H&Hs, whether 2025/26 LiDAR could be used for this project, level of engagement with the public throughout this process, and what metrics are used to determine what projects will be funded by FEMA. Answers can be provided to those not in attendance if needed or the video can be viewed that will be posted on the DNR website.

Attendance

Community	First Name	Last Name	Title	Email Address
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