

FEMA Floodplain Mapping Kick-Off Meeting
Polk County, Wisconsin

Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 1:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Brief Review of Kick Off
- Risk MAP Overview
- National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- Desired Input from Communities
- Burnett County Map Update & Timeline
- Hazard Mitigation Planning Status
- Individual questions/discussion
- Questions and Closing

Meeting Summary

The meeting started with Fritz going through meeting etiquette, including microphones, asking questions, adding information to chat for attendance purposes. He then went into the agenda for the meeting and introductions of Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) staff.

The main part of the presentation then went into a summary of the Risk MAP program and the National Floodplain Insurance Program. This was followed by a quick history of the county and the NFIP with map dates and insurance claims. We then touched on what types of data we were hoping to get from the communities. We are asking for anything from completed and approved studies by any entity to local basemap data that might be better to use than data we might get at the state level. It was noted that the county was recently flown for more recent LiDAR, but there was no push to use this data for this project. It isn't that much more accurate to justify the delay. There was no more discussion on the topic.

The presentation then continued to the project timeline noting there would be no products until the work maps in 2024. At this point FEMA would reevaluate on funding the rest of the mapping project. We then went into the types of studies, how the approximate studies would have update hydraulics and hydrology mapped on LiDAR and the detailed studies would use the same model just mapped using the new LiDAR. It was also mentioned what a large undertaking this was as Polk County has over 500 miles of approximate and over 34 miles of detailed studies.

The draft data and work maps were then discussed as the next product to be viewed sometime late 2024. We then discussed mitigation and a past disaster declaration.

In closing we gave contact information and answered any remaining questions. We did field question about who would be doing the modeling, whether it would be in house or a contractor. The bid was accepted last week for an outside contractor. There also may be a study available and they asked who to submit it. The WI DNR can act as the conduit, but it will end up with FEMA for final approval.

Attendance:

Brian Cunningham	WI DNR	NFIP Coordinator
Chad Heimerl	WI DNR	Floodplain Engineer
Chris Olds	WI DNR	Floodplain Engineer
Jesse Papez	WI DNR	GDAI Section Supervisor
Mike Rogney	WI DNR	Regional Engineer
Fritz Statz	WI DNR	GIS Specialist – Project Lead
Emily Szajna	WI DNR	GIS Specialist
Logan Hacker	Polk County	Zoning Specialist
Jason Kjeseth	Polk County	Zoning Administrator
Lisa McMahon	Polk County	Emergency Management
Kim O’Connell	Polk County	Environmental Services Committee Chair
Brad Runeberg	Polk County	GIS Coordinator
Joel West	St. Croix Falls	
Munib Ahmad	FEMA	Engineer