

# Sawyer County Countywide Map Update Kickoff Meeting

Meeting date/time: Thursday, May 20, 2021, 1 p.m.

Zoom meeting

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## Agenda

Welcome and Introductions  
Meeting Goals and Brief Overview of Project  
Hydrology & Hydraulics Details  
Next Steps and Desired Outcomes  
Questions and Discussion

## Meeting Synopsis

WDNR, WEM, and FEMA staff (attendance list included below) were introduced to the attendees with the explanation that these are the people who are available to help throughout the project and answer questions. Emily then summarized the goals of RiskMAP and went over the timeline for the project; basic information about the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was covered and broad details about what the affected communities can expect to see out of this project were explained. In addition, what types of data we would like to obtain from the county/communities was covered. More detail on the project specifics and scope of work, impacts the communities might see from the new data, and hazard mitigation topics were covered last.

For this project we will be redelineating 4 existing detailed studies (2 reaches of the Chippewa River, Namekagon River, Smith Lake Creek, and the West Fork Chippewa River) using LiDAR. Zone A areas (approximately 782 miles) will remain Zone As, be model backed with current engineering standards and include elevations. This project is currently funded through work maps. Attendees were told about the 620 letters that will be sent out in the future and told there is a 30-day comment period on these WDNR modeling methods.

The following was discussed during the meeting:

1. Flooding issues due to blocked culverts
2. Data availability from County
3. Will other studies be included in this update?

Action items:

1. Emily will be in contact with the county about obtaining data (i.e. political boundaries, LiDAR etc.)
2. Jacob Druffner, WI-DNR Regional WME, will reach out about flooding issues
3. Look for an email concerning a hydraulic study on Smith Lake Creek

## Attendance

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