

# Floodplain and Shoreland Management

# Notes

## Map Modernization: the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map Phase

The Map Modernization process has three phases: scoping; preliminary FIRMs; and Letter of Final Determination. Frequently communities are unsure of their role in the preliminary FIRM phase.

Preliminary FIRMs are draft Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) created by either digitizing existing maps and data, developing new maps from new data or a combination of existing and new maps and data. The maps created are draft and subject to revision after public review.

When the preliminary FIRMs are completed, FEMA sends copies of the draft maps to all the communities in the county being updated. A meeting with local officials and a public meeting are then scheduled. The purpose of the local officials meeting is to review the draft maps, explain the next steps in the map adoption process, outline the local officials responsibilities, explain the 90-day Comment and Appeal period and answer any questions. The purpose of the public meeting is to allow the public to review the draft maps, explain the 90-day Comment and Appeal period and answer any questions.

Local officials have three primary responsibilities: maintain the preliminary FRMs for public review, review the draft maps for any needed changes and act as the point of contact for all comments and appeals.

Any proposed changes to the preliminary FIRMs are either comments or appeals. The comments and appeals are collected by the local officials and then submitted to FEMA for review. Comments are typically minor in nature and do not involve

changes to either flood zone boundaries or base flood elevations. Changes that are defined as Comments are municipal boundary corrections, relocation/renaming of streets, topographical errors, etc.

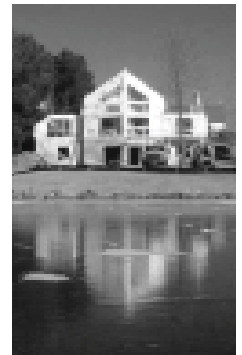
Appeals are technical in nature and are challenges to the underlying engineering process or data used to create the map. Appeals can result in changes to flood zone boundaries or base flood elevations. In order to be considered, appeals must follow a specific procedure as outlined in 44 CFR 67 *Appeals From Proposed Flood Elevations*. To download a pdf of the appeal process go to <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/retrieve.html>. Click on *Browse and/or Search*. Then scroll down to *Title 44 Emergency Management and Assistance*, checkoff *October 1, 2007* and then click *Continue* at the bottom of the page. Click on *Parts 0-399* and then on *67*. This will bring up pdfs of each section of Part 67.

FEMA notifies communities in advance of the start of the 90-day period. Comments and appeals can be submitted only during the 90-day Comments and Appeal period. The comments and appeals must be submitted through the local community. The local community then submits them to FEMA for review. Any comments or appeals which are accepted by FEMA are then incorporated into the final FIRM.

For more information on the Map Modernization process, visit the DNR website <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/dsfm/flood/mapping.htm>.



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# 2008 Conference

## Change in Floods and Floodplains - How Will We Respond?

November 12-14, 2008

Kalahari Resort and Convention Center  
Wisconsin Dells, WI

### Agenda

#### Wednesday, November 12th

12:00 pm No Adverse Impact (NAI) Workshop Dave Carlton, CFM (Adolfson Assoc. Inc.)  
5:00 pm CFM Examination

#### Thursday, November 13th

7:30 am Registration, Exhibits Breakfast Buffet  
8:45 am Opening Remarks Tom Sear, CFM, WAFSCM chair, Mayor, City of Wisc. Dells  
Key Note: Wisconsin Floods of 2008 Roxanne Gray, WI Emergency Management  
Gary Heinrichs, WDNR  
9:30 am Government and Agency Forum, Eric Kuklewski, FEMA 5, Meg Galloway, WI  
DNR, Greg Fries, City of Madison  
10:45 am Break & Exhibits  
11:00 am Concurrent Sessions Session 1A Session 1B  
12:15 pm Lunch National Assoc. Update, George Riedel, CFM, Dep. Exec. Dir., ASFPM  
1:30 pm Concurrent Sessions Session 2A Session 2B  
3:00 pm Break & Exhibits  
3:30 pm Living Rivers & Functional Floodplains, Jeffery Opperman, The Nature Conservancy  
4:15 pm WAFSCM Business Meeting  
5:00 pm Social Hour & Exhibits  
*Friday, November 14th*  
9:00 am Lake Delton Flood Tour Meet in Hotel Lobby

For more information on the conference and registration information, go to <http://wi.floods.org>.

### Floodplain and Shoreland Management Notes

"Floodplain and Shoreland Management Notes" is published by the WDNR, Bureau of Watershed Management. Its purpose is to inform local zoning officials and others concerned about state and federal floodplain management, flood insurance, shoreland and wetland management, and dam safety issues. Comments or contributions are welcome.

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# DNR Water Management Contacts

Knowing who to contact in the DNR can sometimes be a daunting task. Below is the contact information for the Watershed Management Specialists and Water Regulation Engineers by region. For future updates, visit the DNR Water Management Specialists website at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/fhp/waterway/watermanagementspecialists.html>.

NORTHEAST - GREEN BAY	PERSON	FIELD MAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
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Engineer	Dave Stertz	Wautoma	920-787-4686 x3035
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WMS	Robert Rosenberger	Peshtigo	715-582-5041
WMS	Carrie Webb	Green Bay	920-662-5453
WMS	Shawn Eisch	Wautoma	920-787-4686 x 3016
WMS	Scott Koehnke	Shawano	715-526-4232
WMS	Jon Brand	Green Bay	920-662-5466
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Engineer	Terry Cummings	Rhineland	715-365-8938
WMS	Vacant	Cumberland	715-822-2702
WMS	John Spangberg	Ashland	715-685-2923
WMS	Dan Harrington	Spooner	715-635-4097
WMS/Coastal	Steve LaValley	Superior	715-392-0803
WMS	Jayne Wade	Woodruff	715-358-9214
WMS	Vacant	Antigo	715-623-4190x3111
WMS	Dave Kafura	Hayward	715-634-9658x3523
WMS	Jim Grafelman	Rhineland	715-365-8991
WMS/Zoning	Jon Kleist	Ladysmith	715-532-4367
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Engineer	Gary Lepak	Eau Claire	715-839-3761
Engineer	Gordon Stinson	LaCrosse	608-785-9977
Engineer	Mark Stephenson	Black River Falls	715-284-1418
Engineer	Vacant	Wis. Rapids	715-421-7862
WMS/Lower St. Croix	Dan Koich	Eau Claire	715-839-3769
WMS	Carrie Olson	LaCrosse	608-785-9010
WMS	Jason Gazdecki	Black River Falls	715-284-1424
WMS	Will Stites	Wis. Rapids	715-421-7815
WMS	Keith Patrick	Wausau	715-241-7502
Permit Intake (1/2 TIME)	Stacey Carlson	Eau Claire	715-839-1600
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WMS	Al Byla	Janesville	608-743-4820
WMS	Dan Hunt	Horicon	920-387-7878
WMS	Jeff Schure	Fitchburg	608-275-3228
WMS	Frank Fetter	Dodgeville	608-935-1920
WMS (1/2 time)	Intake Spec Donna Sefton	Fitchburg	608-275-3330

The following is a list of the DNR Water Management Specialists by county. For future updates, visit the DNR Water Management Specialists website at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/fhp/waterway/water-managementspecialists.html>.

Adams	Will Stites	Wisconsin Rapids	715-421-7815
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Brown (Pittsfield & Suamico)	Robert Rosenberger	Peshtigo	715-582-5041
Buffalo	Dan Koich	Eau Claire	715-839-3769
Burnett	Dan Harrington	Spooner	715-635-4097
Calumet	Jon Brand	Green Bay Area	920-662-5466
Chippewa	Dan Koich	Eau Claire	715-839-3769
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Dane	Cami Peterson	SCR	608-275-3208
Dodge	Dan Hunt	Horicon	920-387-7878
Door	Carrie Webb	Green Bay	920-662-5453
Douglas	Steve LaValley	Superior	715-392-0803
Dunn	Carrie Stoltz	Baldwin	715-684-2914 x119
Eau Claire	Dan Koich	Eau Claire	715-839-3769
Florence	Jayne Wade	Woodruff	715-358-9214
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Fond du Lac (ex. Ripon, Metomen, Alto)	Crystal Schiefelbein	Oshkosh	920-424-7885
Forest	Jim Grafelman	Rhineland	715-365-8991
Grant	Frank Fetter	Dodgeville	608-935-1920
Green	Al Byla	Janesville	608-743-4820
Green Lake	Shawn Eisch	Wautoma	920-787-4686x3016
Iowa	Frank Fetter	Dodgeville	608-935-1920
Iron	Dan Houston	Park Falls	715-762-1344 x102
Jackson	Jason Gazdecki	Black River Falls	715-284-1424
Jefferson	Al Byla	Janesville	608-743-4820
Juneau	Will Stites	Wisconsin Rapids	715-421-7815
Kenosha	Heidi Hopkins	Sturtevant	262-884-2355
Kewaunee	Carrie Webb	Green Bay	920-662-5453
LaCrosse	Carrie Olson	LaCrosse	608-785-9010
Lafayette	Frank Fetter	Dodgeville	608-935-1920
Langlade	Jayne Wade	Woodruff	715-358-9214
Lincoln	Jim Grafelman	Rhineland	715-365-8991
Manitowoc	Carrie Webb	Green Bay	920-662-5453

Marathon	Keith Patrick	Wausau	715-241-7502
Marinette	Robert Rosenberger	Peshtigo	715-582-5041
Marquette	Shawn Eisch	Wautoma	920-787-4686x3016
Menominee	Scott Koehnke	Shawano	715-526-4232
Milwaukee	Jennifer Jerich	Sturtevant	262-884-2356
Monroe (south of I-94)	Carrie Olson	LaCrosse	608-785-9010
Monroe (north of I-94)	Jason Gazdecki	Black River Falls	715-284-1424
Oconto	Robert Rosenberger	Peshtigo	715-582-5041
Oneida	Jim Grafelman	Rhineland	715-365-8991
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Outagamie	Scott Koehnke	Shawano	715-526-4232
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Ozaukee	Kathi Kramasz	Plymouth	920-892-8756x3031
Pepin	Carrie Stoltz	Baldwin	715-684-2914 x119
Pierce	Carrie Stoltz	Baldwin	715-684-2914 x119
Polk	Vacant	Cumberland	715-822-5421x108
Portage	Terry Kafka	Wisconsin Rapids	715-421-7815
Price (waterway/wetland permits)	Jon Kleist	Ladysmith	715-532-4367
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Rock	Al Byla	Janesville	608-743-4820
Rusk	Jon Kleist	Ladysmith	715-532-4367
St. Croix	Carrie Stoltz	Baldwin	715-684-2914 x119
Sauk	Jeff Schure	SCR	608-275-3228
Sawyer	Dave Kafura	Hayward	715-634-9658x3523
Shawano	Scott Koehnke	Shawano	715-526-4232
Sheboygan	Kathi Kramasz	Plymouth	920-892-8756x3031
Taylor	Jon Kleist	Ladysmith	715-532-4367
Trempealeau	Jason Gazdecki	Black River Falls	715-284-1424
Vernon	Carrie Olson	LaCrosse	608-785-9010
Vilas	Jayne Wade	Woodruff	715-358-9214
Walworth	Pam Schense	Waukesha	262-574-2136
Washburn	Dan Harrington	Spooner	715-635-4097
Washington	Travis Schroeder	Milwaukee	414-263-8625
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Waupaca	Scott Koehnke	Shawano	715-526-4232
Wausara	Shawn Eisch	Wautoma	920-787-4686x3016
Winnebago	Crystal Schiefelbein	Oshkosh	920-424-7885
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All Northeast Region floodplain and shoreland activities will be handled by Mike Russo - Green Bay Area - 920-662-5472

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## DNR Website for Mapping Status

The Department of Natural Resources has developed a website to provide communities and others with information regarding the Flood Map Modernization Program in Wisconsin. The website contains information on project status, the public open house schedule, the comment and appeal process, post preliminary map process and other mapping related issues.

Links to FEMA's website are included. The FEMA sites are for information on Letters of Map Change and the Map Service Center.

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The website is located at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/dsfm/flood/mapping.htm>.

## County Remapping Projects Scheduled for Federal Fiscal Year 2009

The DNR will begin modernizing the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for seven new counties this fall including Crawford, Dunn, Grant, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Polk and Vernon. All existing special flood hazard areas will be redelineated using the best available topographic data. In addition, up to 20 miles of new studies may be conducted in priority locations in Dunn and Lincoln Counties, where high resolution elevation data (LiDAR) exists. Informational meetings were held in mid-August with community and county officials to discuss details of the projects. A Request for Bids (RFB) for engineering and mapping will go out in October 2008.

For further information and updates go to <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/dsfm/flood/mapping.htm>.

## Current Letters of Final Determination

Letters of Final Determination (LFD) have been issued for several counties. Once an LFD has been issued for a county, all communities in the county participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) have six (6) months to amend the local floodplain ordinance to include the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insurance Study. Communities which do not adopt by the effective date of the maps will be immediately suspended from the NFIP. Communities which do not currently participate in the NFIP have one (1) year to join the NFIP and adopt the new maps.

LFDs have been issued for the following communities:

<b>County</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Waukesha County	November 19, 2008
Dane County	January 2, 2009
Calumet County	February 4, 2009
Eau Claire County	February 18, 2009
Door County	March 2, 2009
St. Croix County	March 16, 2009

For further information and updates go to <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/dsfm/flood/mapping.htm>.

# DNR Staff Changes

## Dean Stitgen - Watershed Management Program

In August, Dean Stitgen retired after over 16 years at the DNR Dam Safety/Floodplain Management Program. In his years with the DNR, he worked as a floodplain engineer in the Central office, a Water Regulations Engineer for the Northeast region and finally as

a Water Management Engineer with statewide responsibilities. He took the lead on maintaining various programmatic databases and provided technical engineering assistance to field staff. Any engineering questions regarding floodplains or dams should be directed to the appropriate regional staff person.

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# 5th Annual Citizen-Based Monitoring Conference

Friday, October 24 – Saturday, October 25, 2008  
Stoney Creek Inn, Onalaska, WI

This year's conference will take place in Onalaska, nestled in the bluffs of the Mississippi River. Anyone involved or interested in monitoring natural resources can benefit from the conference and is welcome to attend.

Friday's schedule includes an in-depth look at the changing demographics of volunteers and how successful nonprofit organizations finance their programs. Discussions and one-on-one access to an array of natural resource and nonprofit business specialists will follow. On Friday evening, author/naturalist Kenny Salwey, nicknamed the "Last River Rat," will talk about a lifetime of observations on the Mississippi River. The day will conclude with recognition of outstanding programs, citizens and youth or student monitors.

Saturday morning will feature updates on citizen projects from around the state and a concurrent "how-to" session will help individuals or groups:

- find or create good projects
- get access to specialists, resources and protocols
- collect and manage good data
- sustain a great program

**Award Nominations:** Help provide the recognition your colleagues deserve; use the following website to nominate them for Citizen-Based Monitoring Program of the Year, Citizen Monitor or the Year, or Student / Youth Monitor of the Year. Due by October 12th. <http://wiatri.net/cbm/conference/2008/callforawards.cfm>.

**Conference Registration** is \$60 which includes all sessions, three meals, and the Friday evening social event. Additional information and conference registration can be found at the conference website. Registration is due by October 17th. <http://wiatri.net/cbm/conference/2008/registration.cfm>.

**Special Training Session:** Great Lakes Worm Watch! Attend a free, optional workshop from 1-5 PM Friday. Contact Sarah Braun for details and to register: [sarah@beaver-creekreserve.org](mailto:sarah@beaver-creekreserve.org) or (715) 877-2212.

# Change of Address or Mailing Format

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