

Summary – Chippewa County FRR meeting – May 1, 2025, In-person and on Zoom.

Introduction- Meeting Outreach

Invitations were sent out April 15, 2025 via mail to CEOs and ZAs. Additional emails were sent to Zoning Administrators with a digital copy of their invite. A list of the attendees is included below.

The invitation included a link to the Zoom meeting.

Meeting Time and Location

Chippewa County – Flood Risk Review & Resilience meeting

May 1, 2025 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Chippewa County Courthouse | Room 302

711 N Bridge Street | Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

And virtually through Zoom.

Project Staff Attending Meeting

FEMA Region V
Munib Ahmad
Meghan Cuneo
WI-DNR
Allison Kielar
Ben Sanborn
Chad Heimerl
Sarah Rafajko
Ben Koch
Chris Olds
Fritz Statz
Peter Strand
WEM
Chad Atkinson

Communities and Organizations Represented

ARC

Chippewa County

City of Chippewa Falls

City of Cornell

City of Eau Claire

City of Stanley

FEMA

Village of New Auburn

WEM

WI-DNR

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Attendance

Community	First Name	Last Name	Title	Email Address	Phone #
ARC	Betsy	Finlay	Region 5 Service Center Lead	bfinlay@niyamit.com	
Chippewa County	Doug	Clary	Zoning Administrator	dclary@chippewacountywi.gov	(715)726-7941
Chippewa County	Tony	Roder	Zoning Inspector	troder@chippewacountywi.gov	(715)738-2603
City of Chippewa Falls	Jason	Hiess	Mayor	jhiess@chippewafalls-wi.gov	(715)577-3313
City of Cornell	Dave	DeJongh	City Administration	CityOffice@cityofcornell.com	(715)239-3710
City of Eau Claire	Peter	Baumgartner	Associate Planner	Peter.baumgartner@eauclairewi.gov	
City of Stanley	Mark	Fitzsimmons	Alderpersion	m.fitzsimmons.us@gmail.com	(715)828-3309
City of Stanley	Nicole	Pilgrim	City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer	npilgrim@ci.stanley.wi.gov	(715)644-5758
FEMA	Meghan	Cuneo	Region V Community Planner	Meghan.cuneo@fema.dhs.gov	(202)615-5294
FEMA	Munib	Ahmad	Region V Engineer	munib.ahmad@fema.dhs.gov	(202)702-9043
Village of New Auburn	Bradley	Hanson	Clerk	bhanson@newauburn-wi.com	(715)237-2223
Village of New Auburn	Joe	Koteras	Public Works	publicworksop@newauburn-wi.com	
WEM	Chad	Atkinson	Hazard Mitigation Section Supervisor	Chad.atkinson@widma.gov	(608)893-5301
WI-DNR	Allison	Kielar	Floodplain Mapping Project Lead	Allison.kielar@wisconsin.gov	(608)235-8115
WI-DNR	Ben	Sanborn	Floodplain Mapping Program Manager/CTP Coordinator	Ben.sanborn@wisconsin.gov	(608)445-7417
WI-DNR	Ben	Koch	Regional Water Management Engineer	ben.koch@wisconsin.gov	(715)894-9150
WI-DNR	Chad	Heimerl	Floodplain Engineer	Chad.heimerl@wisconsin.gov	(608)576-2811
WI-DNR	Chris	Olds	State Floodplain Engineer	Christopher.olds@wisconsin.gov	(608)422-0410
WI-DNR	Gordon "Fritz"	Statz	Floodplain Mapping Project Lead	Gordon.Statz@wisconsin.gov	(608) 220-4290
WI-DNR	Peter	Strand	DNR IT Supervisor – GIS Data, Analysis and Integration Section	peter.strand@wisconsin.gov	(608)261-5836
WI-DNR	Sarah	Rafajko	State NFIP Coordinator	sarah.rafajko@wisconsin.gov	(608)893-8710

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Welcome and Introductions: Allison Kielar

Flood Risk Review

Project Overview: Allison Kielar

Engineering Methods: Chad Heimerl

Upcoming Mapping Schedule: Allison Kielar

NFIP Overview: Sarah Rafajko

Resilience

Overview of Non-Regulatory Flood Risk Products and Datasets: Allison Kielar

Hazard Mitigation: Chad Atkinson, WEM

Questions and Viewing Draft Data: Allison Kielar

Meeting Information

The attendees were welcomed to the Chippewa County FRR meeting which consisted of discussing the Draft data, non-regulatory products, NFIP, Hazard Mitigation, a project overview, and covering next steps in the project. Introductions were made, the meeting materials were presented, and there were questions accepted throughout the presentation. There were representatives from FEMA, WI-DNR, WEM, ARC, Chippewa County, City of Chippewa Falls, City of Cornell, City of Eau Claire, City of Stanley, Village of New Auburn.

Allison Kielar started out with a few housekeeping items for the virtual meeting and then introduced state and FEMA staff. Then covered an overview of RiskMAP and the project history to date. Allison also discussed the new draft data and Risk MAP Products. Chad Heimerl discussed the engineering methods used. Sarah Rafajko then covered the part of the presentation related to the NFIP and flood insurance. Allison Kielar then discussed the non-regulatory products and their mitigation uses. Chad Atkinson from Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) covered Hazard Mitigation. There was time at the end for questions. Attendees from Chippewa County had questions about Lake Wissota and its zone designation and the general project timeline.