

Chippewa County CCO/OH Meeting Summary

Introduction- Meeting Outreach:

A Save-the-Date email was sent out on June 8th. Invitations were sent out on July 7th via email to CEOs and ZAs. Invitations included meeting information for the CCO and Open House meetings. A public news release was released by FEMA for the Open House. A list of the attendees is included below. The invitation and Save-the-Date included a link to both Zoom meetings.

Meeting Time and Location:

Wednesday July 15, 2026
CCO from 1:30-3:00PM
Open House from 4:00-7:00PM

Chippewa County Courthouse | Room 3
711 N Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

And virtually through Zoom.

Staff Attending CCO Meeting:

FEMA Region V
Chad Lanctot
John Wethington
WI-DNR
Allison Kielar
Ben Koch
Ben Sanborn
Bill Roznik
Chad Heimerl
Gordon Statz
Kristin Rankin
Sarah Galster

Communities and Organizations Represented at CCO Meeting:

CBS Squared
Chippewa County
City of Chippewa Falls
City of Cornell
City of Eau Claire
FEMA Region 5
Village of Lake Hallie
Village of New Auburn
WEM

Wisconsin DNR Floodplain Engineers, NFIP Coordinator, GIS Specialists, Water Management Engineer

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CCO Attendance:

Community	First Name	Last Name	Title	Email Address	Phone #
CBS Squared	Dylan	Notsch	Environmental Engineer	info@cbssquaredinc.com	
Chippewa County	Greg	Gruna	Zoning Inspector	ggruna@chippewacountywi.gov	7157267943
Chippewa County	Tony	Roder	Zoning Inspector	troder@chippewacountywi.gov	7157382603
Chippewa County	Dennis	Faldenberg	GIS Coordinator	dfalkenberg@chippewacountywi.gov	7157382595
Chippewa County	Kirsten	Lee	Zoning Inspector	klee@chippewacountywi.gov	7157267942
Chippewa County	Douglas	Clary	Director of Planning and Zoning	dclary@chippewacountywi.gov	7157267941
City of Chippewa Falls	Paul	Lasiewicz	City Inspector/Zoning Administrator	plasiewicz@chippewafalls-wi.gov	7157262752
City of Chippewa Falls	Brent	Hentschel	City Planner	bhentschel@chippewafalls-wi.gov	7157262729
City of Cornell	Dave	Dejongh	Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer	cityoffice@cityofcornell.com	7152393710
City of Eau Claire	Peter	Baumgartner	Associate Planner	peter.baumgartner@eauclairewi.gov	7158394914
City of Eau Claire	Leah	Ness	City Engineer	engineering@eauclairewi.gov	7158394934
FEMA	John	Wethington	Chief Risk Analysis Branch	john.wethington@fema.dhs.gov	3124085485
FEMA	Chad	Lanctot	Region 5 Outreach Specialist	chad.lanctot@fema.dhs.gov	7738615101
Village of Lake Hallie	Anastasia	Steuber	Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer	asteuber@lakehallie.us	7157262660
Village of New Auburn	Teresa	Dachel	Treasurer-Deputy Clerk		7152372223
WEM	Chad	Atkinson	Hazard Mitigation Section Supervisor	Chad.Atkinson@widma.gov	
WI-DNR	Ben	Sanborn	CTP Coordinator	ben.sanborn@wisconsin.gov	6084457417
WI-DNR	Chad	Heimerl	Floodplain Engineer	chad.heimerl@wisconsin.gov	6085762811
WI-DNR	Allison	Kielar	Floodplain Mapping Project Lead	allison.kielar@wisconsin.gov	6082358115
WI-DNR	Ben	Koch	Regional Engineer	ben.koch@wisconsin.gov	7158949150
WI-DNR	Zachary	Schaefer	Floodplain Mapping Project Lead	zachary.schaefer@wisconsin.gov	6082288439

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WI-DNR	Gordon	Statz	Floodplain Mapping Project Lead	gordon.statz@wisconsin.gov	6082204290
WI-DNR	Sarah	Galster	State NFIP Coordinator	sarah.galster@wisconsin.gov	6088938710
WI-DNR	Bill	Roznik	Floodplain Engineer	bill.roznik@wisconsin.gov	6082289488
WI-DNR	Kristin	Rankin	Water Reg/Zoning Specialist	kristin.rankin@wisconsin.gov	9207642201

CCO Agenda:

Welcome and Introductions: Allison Kielar

RiskMAP overview and Project History: Allison Kielar

Floodplain engineering and mapping: Chad Heimerl

NFIP and Insurance Overview: Sarah Galster

Hazard Mitigation: Chad Atkinson

Next Steps: Allison Kielar

Final steps

LOMCs and SOMA list

CCO Meeting Information:

The attendees were welcomed to the Chippewa County CCO meeting which consisted of discussing the 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 Chippewa County, City of Chippewa Falls, City of Cornell, City of Eau Claire, Village of Lake Hallie, Village of New Auburn.

Allison Kielar started out with a few housekeeping items for the virtual meeting and then introduced state and FEMA staff. Allison covered an overview of RiskMAP and the project history to date. Chad Atkinson covered the floodplain engineering portions of the project. Sarah Galster then covered part of the presentation related to the NFIP and flood insurance. Chad Atkinson from Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) covered Hazard Mitigation. Allison Kielar then went into the next steps of the project related to Due Process, LFD, SOMAs, and final map production. There was then time for discussion and reviewing the preliminary materials.

Open House Meeting Information:

Following the CCO meeting, a public open house was held from 4:00-7:00PM. This meeting was held in-person and virtually at the same location in Chippewa Falls. There were approximately 8 attendees to the open house. Residents had requested to review their property with the effective and preliminary mapping. Physical copies of the preliminary FIS report and FIRMs were available in-person. Attendees to the virtual Zoom were able to meet one-on-one with DNR staff who helped answer their questions in individual breakout rooms. Staff from Chippewa County and the City of Chippewa Falls were also present in-person throughout the open house.