

Introduction- Meeting Outreach

Invitations were mailed out to all affected community CEOs and Zoning Administrators on July 8, 2025. The first outlook email invitation to the CCO meeting was sent out to affected stakeholders on July 2, 2025, and follow-up correspondence included attachments of the planned meeting agenda and slides. A list of the attendees at the CCO meeting is included below. Some attendees are not listed below due to insufficient information in the Zoom meeting chat to verify their identities.

Online resources for viewing the preliminary FIRMs, FIS, and GIS data, such as the FEMA Flood Map Changes Viewer and FEMA Map Service Center (MSC), were shared and discussed during the meeting.

Meeting Time and Location

Tuesday August 5, 2025, 1:00pm – 2:30pm via Zoom

CCO Meeting Agenda

Introductions

RiskMAP Overview and Project History

Floodplain Engineering

NFIP and Floodplain Management Overview

Hazard Mitigation Planning

Preliminary Products Review (LOMCs/SOMAs)

Next Steps/Map Adoption

Questions

Attendance

Community	Name	Title	Email Address
FEMA Region 5	John Wethington	Risk Analysis Branch Chief	john.wethington@fema.dhs.gov
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Meeting Information

The CCO Meeting presented preliminary mapping data to local officials and reviewed the engineering methods used for the Crawford County portion of the Kickapoo River Watershed Risk MAP study. There were also presentations on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and Hazard Mitigation. Representatives from Crawford County, Gays Mills, Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), FEMA, and WDNR attended the meeting.

Meeting Goals and Overview of Project

Ben Sanborn started out with introductions and a summary of meeting topics. A brief overview of Risk MAP, past project meetings, and the revised study area were provided. State Floodplain Engineer, Chris Olds, discussed the engineering methods used for the proposed floodplains and data included in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS).

State NFIP Coordinator, Sarah Rafajko, presented on flood insurance and map changes. A brief history of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was given, as well as a summary of coverages. Next, information on what map changes mean for flood risk, and resources available for flood insurance costs were covered. Sarah also explained the role communities have during map updates, how the Community Rating System (CRS) helps to reduce flood insurance costs, and how WDNR can assist communities during the ordinance adoption process.

Following the insurance topic, Heather Thole gave a presentation on the importance of hazard mitigation. Some of the topics covered were the value of mitigation, examples of mitigation, and available mitigation assistance grant funding.

Ben followed up with information about the Crawford County preliminary products that were made available on May 15, 2025. He explained how to read a FIRM panel and what the floodplain symbology represented, as well as which communities received a Summary of Map Actions (SOMA) documenting previous Letters of Map Change (LOMC) that would be either superseded, incorporated, or revalidated. The next steps leading up to the final map adoption were discussed, including the due process phase, letter of final determination (LFD), 6-month ordinance adoption window, and effective map status. Ben went into further detail on the due process phase, what is considered a comment or appeal, the publications in the federal register and local newspaper, and appeal start letters. Further information was discussed regarding the letter of final determination, how it establishes what the effective date of the new FIS and FIRMs will be, how it serves as a formal notification to communities of the need to update their floodplain management regulations by the effective date, and additional

reminder letters that may be sent.

To conclude the presentation, a live demonstration showed how to use the resources listed below to explore Crawford County’s preliminary products and locate information on floodplain ordinances. No follow-up questions were asked by meeting attendees.

- [FEMA Flood Map Changes Viewer](#): An ArcGIS app to view the preliminary data and how it has changed since the effective study.
- [FEMA Preliminary Products Download](#): Download preliminary FIRMs, FIS, and/or GIS data.
- [DNR Floodplains](#): Click the Active RiskMAP projects link to view the Crawford County project information, or search “Model Ordinance” for assistance with local floodplain ordinance updates.