

Summary- Florence County CCO meeting- February 17, 2021, via Zoom meeting

Introduction- Meeting Outreach

Invitations were sent out January 29th via email for those contacts DNR had email addresses for per approval from FEMA Regional Project Officer. The invites were also sent via regular mail to everyone. Letters were sent to the Florence County Board Chair and Vice Chair, Township Chairpersons and Clerks, Florence County Emergency Manager, Highway Commissioner, Forestry Director, and Land Conservation Technician, and the Florence County Zoning Administrator and Assistant Zoning Administrator. A list of the attendees is below.

The invitation included a link to the Zoom meeting.

Meeting Time and Location

Wednesday February 17th, 2021 1:00 – 2:00 PM.

Virtual Zoom meeting due to the current Covid-19 pandemic.

Staff Attending Meeting

FEMA Region V
Ken Hinterlong
Jerome Huffman
Cady Peterson
WI-DNR
Emily Szajna
Chris Olds
Brian Cunningham
Betsy Finlay
Forrest Van Asten
Ruth Ann Fowler
Chad Heimerl

Communities and Organizations Represented

Florence County Zoning, County Board
Wisconsin DNR Floodplain Engineers, NFIP Coordinator, GIS Specialists, Water Management Engineer
FEMA representatives

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Attendance

Community	First Name	Last Name	Title	Email Address	Phone #
WI-DNR	Chad	Heimerl	Floodplain Engineer	Chad.Heimerl@wisconsin.gov	608-267-7571
WI-DNR	Christopher	Olds	State Floodplain Engineer	Christopher.Olds@wisconsin.gov	608-266-5606
WI-DNR	Betsy	Finlay	Floodplain Program Manager	Elizabeth.Finlay@wisconsin.gov	608-266-9610
WI-DNR	Forrest	Van Asten	Water Management Engineer	forresta.vanasten@wisconsin.gov	715-493-0371
WI-DNR	Brian	Cunningham	NFIP Coordinator	brian.cunningham@wisconsin.gov	608-220-5633
WI-DNR	Ruth Ann	Fowler	GIS Specialist	ruth.fowler@wisconsin.gov	608-422-0394
WI-DNR	Emily	Szajna	GIS Specialist	emily.szajna@wi.gov	608-264-6047
FEMA	Ken	Hinterlong	Senior Engineer	Ken.Hinterlong@fema.dhs.gov	312-408-5529
FEMA	Jerome	Huffman	Communications/ Outreach Specialist	brandt.huffman@fema.dhs.gov	202-674-8416
FEMA	Cady	Peterson	Planner	cadence.peterson@fema.dhs.gov	202-531-0646
Florence County	Jeanette	Bomberg	County Board Chair	jbomberg1@gmail.com	
Florence County	Scott	Wolf	Zoning Administrator	swolf@co.florence.wi.us	715-528-3430
Florence County	Ed	Kelley	Vice County Board Chair		
Florence County	Trish	Kelly	Assistant Zoning Administrator	tkelly@co.florence.wi.us	715-528-3206
Florence County	Tim	Bomberg	Town of Florence Chairman	jbomberg1@gmail.com	715-528-3595

Agenda

Welcome and Introductions: Emily Szajna

NFIP and Insurance Overview: Brian Cunningham

RiskMAP overview and Project History: Emily Szajna

Next Steps: Emily Szajna

Final steps

LOMCs and SOMA list

Floodplain engineering and mapping

Meeting Information

The attendees were welcomed to the Florence County CCO meeting which consisted of discussing the NFIP, 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 Florence County and the Township of Florence present.

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Emily Szajna started out with a few housekeeping items for the virtual meeting and then introduced state and FEMA staff. Brian Cunningham then covered the part of the presentation related to the NFIP and flood insurance. Emily covered an overview of RiskMAP and the project history to date. She then went into the next steps of the project related to Due Process, LFD, SOMAs, final map production, and floodplain engineering portions of the project.

Florence County staff asked questions throughout the meeting. One question related to the lack of floodplains in the western half of the county and what could be done if they wanted to get new floodplain studies in the area. The response to this was that anybody could create a study and submit a LOMR if there is desire to identify flooding risks in this location. The area is largely public land with little to no development pressure. There were also other questions related to flood insurance and ordinances. The County ZA requested the CSLF spatial file. DNR agreed to supply this to them again. FEMA suggested the use of the Flood Map Change Viewer in the future as well and DNR gave a quick demo of this Viewer to the meeting participants.