

## Introduction- Meeting Outreach

Invitations were sent out to all affected stakeholders on May 6, 2024. The 621 letters were mailed out after the meeting on June 6, 2024 and included a link to the draft data. An email with links to the draft work maps, database and non-regulatory products was also sent out after the meeting on June 6, 2024. A list of the attendees is included below.

The work maps and associated shapefiles were made available at the meeting along with non-regulatory products including: water surface elevation grids, depth grids, percent annual chance grid, 30-year chance grid, Changes Since Last FIRM (CSLF), Areas of Mitigation Interest (AOMI), and the flood risk database. The 30-day comment period for the draft maps and data started after the meeting on June 6, 2024.

## Meeting Time and Location

Wednesday June 5, 2024, 1:00pm – 2:30pm via Zoom and Monroe County Justice Center, County Board Assembly Room #1200, 210 W. Oak Street, Sparta, WI 54656.

## Agenda

### Flood Risk Review Meeting

Project Overview  
Riverine Flood Risk Study and Mapping  
Upcoming Mapping Schedule  
NFIP Overview

### Resilience Meeting

Overview of Non-Regulatory Flood Risk Products and Datasets  
Hazard Mitigation (including presentation by Wisconsin Emergency Management)

### Wrap-up

Questions  
Viewing maps and data

## Attendance

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**Meeting Information**

The attendees were welcomed to the Flood Risk Review Meeting which explained draft mapping data and reviewed the engineering methods used in the Monroe County and Kickapoo Watershed study area. Introductions of state and federal staff were made, and an overview of the meeting agenda was given. The Resilience Meeting detailed non-regulatory products created, actions that communities can take to safeguard their communities, and a hazard mitigation presentation by Wisconsin Emergency Management. There were representatives from Monroe County, several communities, WEM, FEMA, and WDNR present.

**Meeting Goals and Overview of Project**

Ben Sanborn started out with introductions and a summary of the FEMA Flood Risk Review Meeting goals. Information was provided about Risk MAP and the current status of the project. Chris Olds discussed the engineering methods used for the proposed floodplains. Ben went into further detail about the FIRMs and explained the upcoming project timeline, including the opportunities for communities to provide comments as we move forward in the project. Sarah Rafajko also presented information about the NFIP, regulations, Risk Rating 2.0 and answered flood insurance related questions.

In the Resilience Meeting, Ben described the non-regulatory products being provided which included the Changes Since Last FIRM (CSLF) and Areas of Mitigation Interest (AOMI) layers, the flood risk database, and all the available rasters (WSE grids, depth grids, PAC grid, and 30 year grid). Possible applications of these products, and how they aid in mitigation actions that make the community more resilient were also discussed.

Wisconsin Emergency Management representative Chad Atkinson presented on the different hazard mitigation projects, funding sources available, and eligibility requirements.

Attendees were asked again to review and make comments concerning the draft work maps and data before the comment period ends on July 6, 2024. All draft work maps were brought by WDNR and displayed after both meetings were completed. Community representatives examined revised map panels and discussed specific areas with the group. No comments were received about the draft work maps and data during the meeting. Attendees were thanked for coming and told WDNR is available if additional questions arise in the future.

## Comments/Questions

### Questions asked:

- For the hydrology what rainfall data was used?
  - Atlas 14.
- Was land/use history used for inputs or current land/use?
  - Current, a snapshot in time when the study was done.
- Is the floodplain growing, as far as depth and width?
  - Some areas have increased, and others have decreased in size. Rainfall amounts for 100-year storm events are higher than previous publications which does have an impact.
- Is there a listing of who holds the flood insurance policies?
  - You need to have an information access sharing agreement with FEMA to get any policy holder address information within your community. Contact info on how to obtain that can be found online. Each municipality that administers a floodplain ordinance would need their own agreement.
- If someone disagrees with the floodplains, what could they do?
  - Submit a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA).
  - Another option is to complete a detailed study and submit to FEMA as a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). This takes more time and is more costly to complete.
  - During FEMA's due process phase there is also a 90-day comment and appeal period.
- Was any quantitative analysis done on structures within the floodplain?
  - No analysis was done, but using the GIS layers available from the study this could be completed.