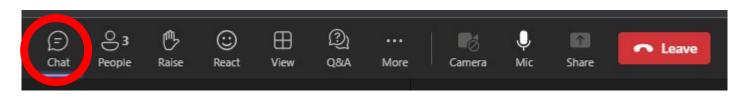
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### **CCO Meeting** Hillsborough County, New Hampshire



- Click Chat on options bar and enter your:
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  - Town/City/Agency you represent
  - Your position
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- If you've only called in to the audio, please email Molly Cox (<u>coxmc@cdmsmith.com</u>) to sign in.
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# Community Coordination and Outreach Meeting Contoocook Watershed Hillsborough County, New Hampshire

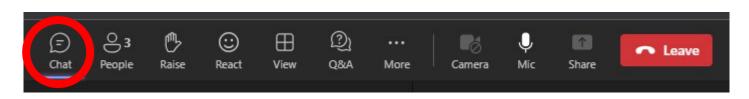
## Virtual Meeting Thursday, July 27 at 10:00 am



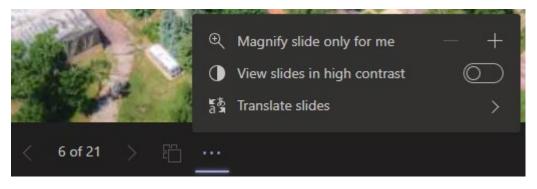


## Housekeeping

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# Agenda

### Project Timeline

### Flood Hazard Analysis Recap

Flood Map Change Viewer

## Flood Risk Products

Regulatory and Non-Regulatory

## Post-Preliminary Processing

- Public Review and Appeal Period
- Effect on Existing Letters of Map Change
- Community Adoption Process

### Hazard Mitigation and Flood Insurance



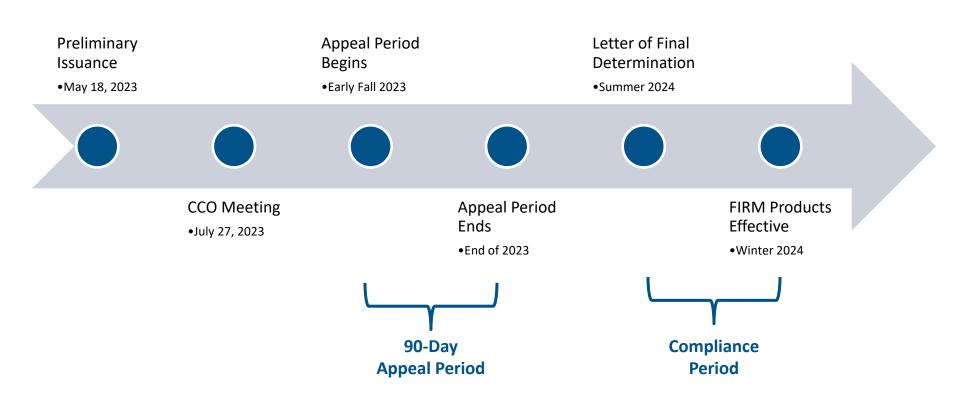
# **Community Involvement**

- Community engagement during the FEMA Flood Risk study:
  - Discovery meeting Contoocook Watershed: December 12, 2018; Merrimack Watershed: July 7, 2015
  - Work Map meetings Contoocook Watershed: March 24, 2021, March 25, 2021; Merrimack Watershed: July 17, 2019
  - SID 621 Compliance Period June 1, 2022- July 1, 2022
  - CCO meeting July 27, 2023
  - **Open House meeting** Will occur during LFD compliance period





# **Post-Preliminary Phase Overview**

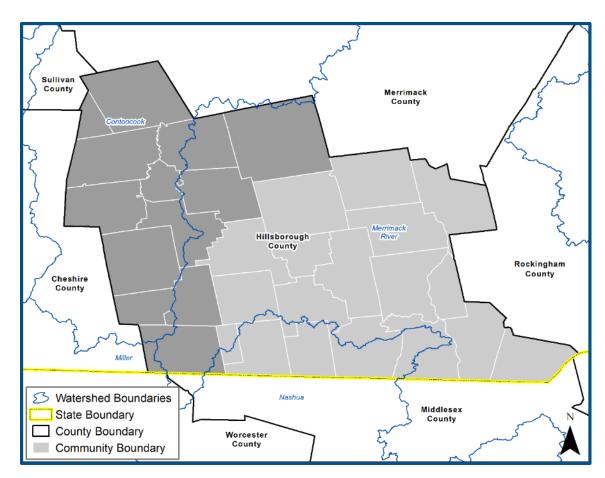




# Hillsborough County Communities

#### The Hillsborough County, New Hampshire Study Area:

- 13 Communities in Hillsborough County
- No Unincorporated Areas





# Hillsborough County Communities

#### The Hillsborough County, New Hampshire Study Area

- Town of Antrim
- \*Town of Bennington
- Town of Deering
- \*Town of Francestown
- Town of Greenfield
- Town of Hancock
- Town of Hillsborough

- \*Town of New Ipswich
- Town of Peterborough
- Town of Sharon
- Town of Temple
- \*Town of Weare
- Town of Windsor

\*Community also studied in Merrimack Watershed





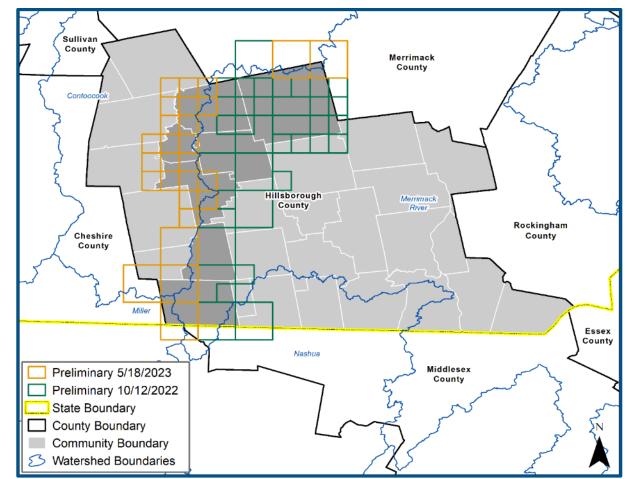
# Hillsborough County Communities

#### **Communities Affected by Two Ongoing Studies**

- Town of Bennington
- Town of Deering
- Town of Francestown
- Town of Greenfield
- Town of New Ipswich
- Town of Temple
- Town of Weare

**FEMA** 

Merrimack Watershed CCO Meeting was held 12/13/2022 (For panels issued Preliminary on 10/12/2022)





# Why the mapped floodplain boundaries may be different

#### **Detailed Studies**

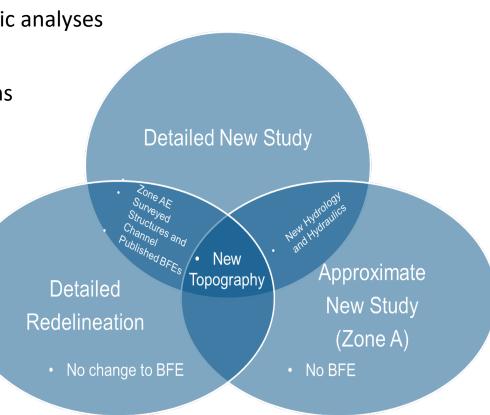
- Improvements in hydrologic or hydraulic analyses
- New topography and aerial imagery
- New or modified bridges, culverts, dams
- Stream channel changes

#### **Redelineation**

- No change to BFE
- New topography and aerial imagery
- New aerial imagery

#### <u>Zone A</u>

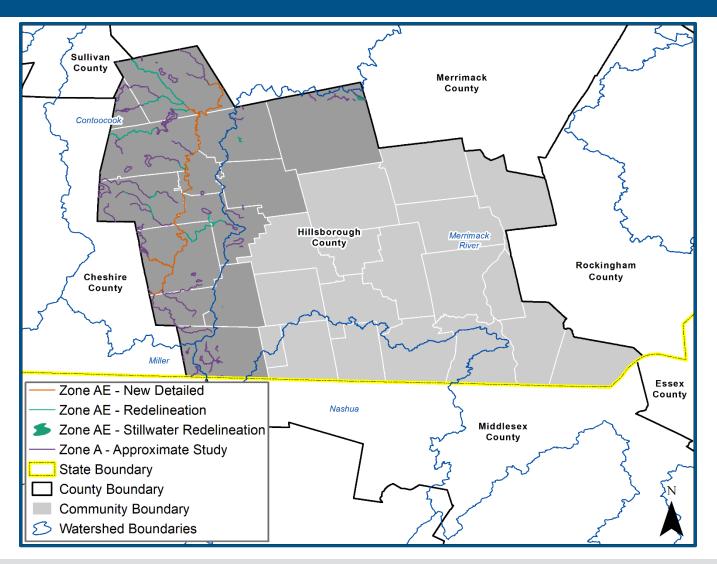
- No BFE
- New approximate models
- New topography and aerial imagery







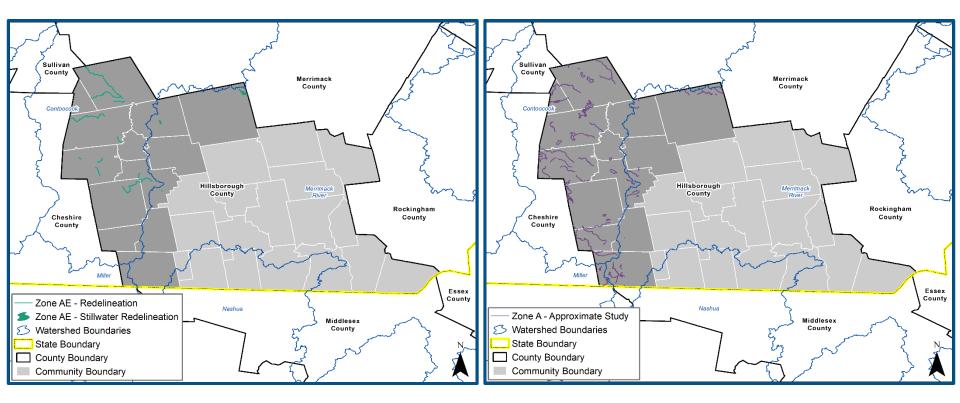
## **River Reaches** New Detailed, Redelineation, and Approximate







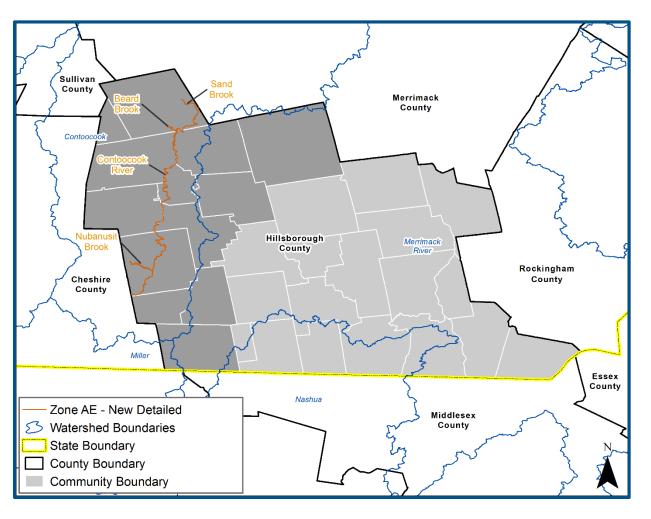
# Redelineation Approximate







# River Reaches – Newly Studied Zone AE



### Newly studied Zone AE reaches

- Beard Brook
- Contoocook River
- Nubanusit Brook
- Sand Brook





# River Reaches – Newly Studied Zone AE

#### Zone AE – areas that have a 1% probability of flooding every year

Beard Brook (8.5 mi) – Hillsborough, NH

Approximately 9,435 feet upstream of confluence with Contoocook River to Hillsborough County boundary

<u>Contoocook River (35.8 mi) – Antrim, Bennington, Deering, Greenfield,</u> Hancock, Hillsborough, and Peterborough, NH

Just downstream of Route 114/Bridge Street to Just downstream of Route 202

Nubanusit Brook (3.5 mi) – Peterborough, NH

Confluence with Contoocook River to 0.2 miles upstream of Wilder Street

Sand Brook (2.2 mi) – Hillsborough, NH

Confluence with Contoocook River to Just upstream of Bog Road

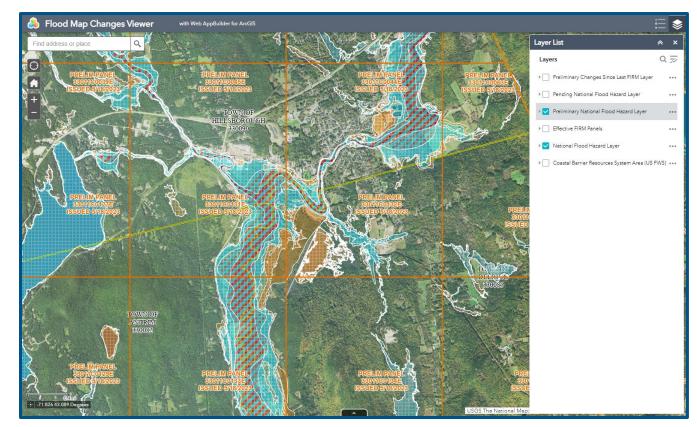




# FEMA's Flood Map Change Viewer

#### • FEMA FMCV:

- Preliminary NFHL
- Pending NHFL
- Effective NFHL
- Preliminary CSLF
- Preliminary Map Comparison Tool



#### The FMCV is available at msc.fema.gov/fmcv





# FEMA's Flood Map Change Viewer





#### Effective FIRM 9/25/2009

#### Preliminary FIRM 5/18/2023





# **REGULATORY PRODUCTS**

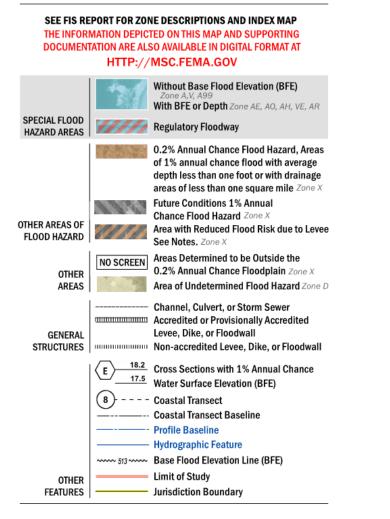
- Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs)
- Flood Insurance Study (FIS)
- Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Database (stores the digital GIS data used in the map production process, as well as tabular data in FIS report)

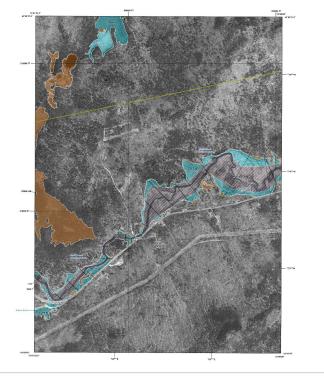




# **New FIRM Panel Format**

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# **Updated FIRM Panels**

#### 70 FIRM Panels (maps provided for communities)

- Town of Antrim 18 Panels
- \*Town of Bennington 8 Panels
- \*Town of Deering 8 Panels
- \*Town of Francestown 4 Panels
- \*Town of Greenfield 9 Panels
- Town of Hancock 15 Panels
- Town of Hillsborough 20 Panels

- \*Town of New Ipswich 3 Panels
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# **FLOOD RISK PRODUCTS**





## **NON-REGULATORY PRODUCTS**

## Water Surface Elevation (WSEL) Grid

Flood elevation for 1% annual chance flood event

## Flood Depth Grid

• Depth of flooding for 1% annual chance flood event (WSEL minus the Ground Elevation)

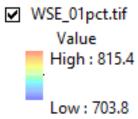




# WSEL Grid

# Provided for 1% annual chance flood event





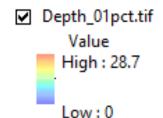




# Flood Depth Grid

# Provided for 1% annual chance flood event









# POST-PRELIMINARY PROCESSING (PPP)





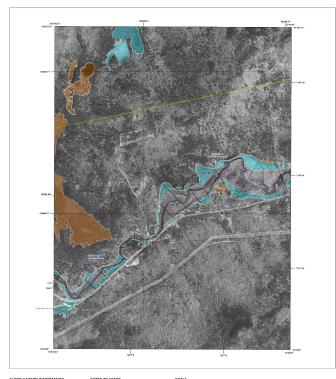
Responsibility each community has for preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs)

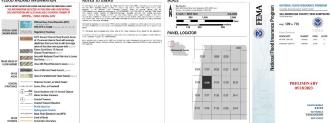
- Review your preliminary FIRMs and make corrections, comments, and appeals when appropriate
- Conduct outreach to those citizens affected by the changes on the FIRMs
- Adopt a new floodplain ordinance that meets the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements





# View Your Community's Preliminary Flood Hazard Data





Primary site with effective and preliminary maps, FIS reports, and databases: <u>https://msc.fema.gov/</u>

Backup site for preliminary data: https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdow nload/





# After CCO Meeting

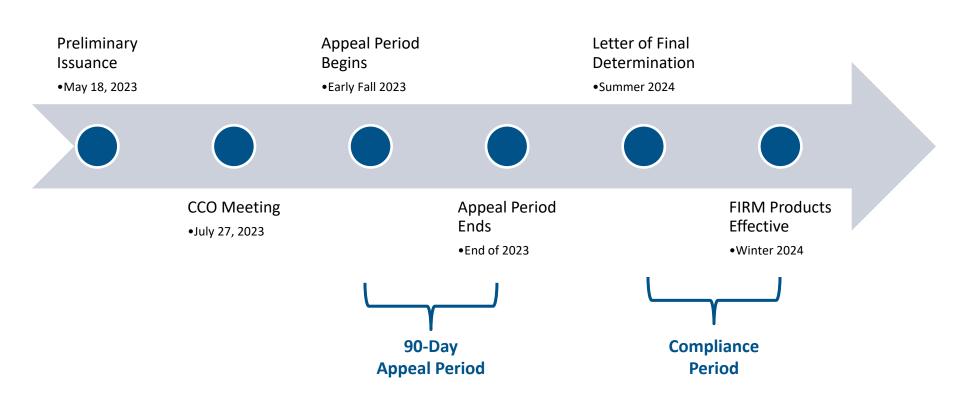
- Publication in Federal Register announcing new flood maps for community
- Two local newspaper notices (7-days apart)
- Statutory 90-day Appeal Period (Public Review) begins after local newspaper notifications
- After comments and appeals have been resolved, a Letter of Final Determination (LFD) will be issued, notifying each community that in six months the maps will be effective
- Open House Meeting







# **Post-Preliminary Phase Overview**





# **Appeal Period Process**

- Appeals must be submitted during the 90-day regulatory appeals period
- Individual property owners and community officials can submit appeals or comments
- During the Appeal Period, all appeals should be sent to FEMA Region 1
  - Christopher Markesich

christopher.markesich@fema.dhs.gov





# Appeals

# <u>Appeal</u> is a formal objection to the addition/modification of:

- Preliminary BFEs/flood depths
- SFHA boundaries and or zone designations (newer delineation are often based on more detailed or recent topography)
- Regulatory floodway boundaries

\* An appeal must be based on data that show the flood hazard information is scientifically or technically incorrect.





## Comments

# <u>Comments</u> are objections to a base map feature change or any non-appealable change

Non-technical changes or inaccuracies

- Incorrect or misspelled road/stream names,
- Municipal boundary changes,
- Base map errors, etc.





# Summary of Map Actions (SOMA) and Revalidation Letter

When a revised Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) becomes effective, all previous map changes are superseded. New panels are updated to include appropriate changes made via <u>Letters of Map Change</u> (LOMCs).

- SOMA identifies if a current LOMC is likely to be incorporated into the revised panel, superseded by new information, or revalidated once the revised panel becomes effective
- Revalidation Letter lists previously issued LOMCs that have been reaffirmed for the new FIRM





# **Post-Preliminary Processing**

### Summary of Map Actions (SOMA)

An assessment of all existing LOMCs compared with the new FIRMs

- all LOMCs are reviewed and revalidated by letter, as appropriate, as part of the map update process.
- LOMCs are legally binding changes to the map

SOMA-1
PRELIMINARY SUMMARY OF MAP ACTIONS
Community: SOMERSET, TOWN OF Community No: 255220
To assist your community in maintaining the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), we have
summarized below the previously issued Letter of Map Change (LOMC) actions (i.e., Letters of Map
Revision (LOMRs) and Letters of Map Amendment (LOMAs) in the titres of Map

#### 1. LOMCs Incorporated

of the enclosed revised FIRM panel(s).

The modifications effected by the LOMCs listed below have been reflected on the Preliminary copies of the revised FIRM panels. In addition, these LOMCs will remain in effect until the revised FIRM becomes effective.

LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Old Panel	New Panel
			NO CASES RECORDED		

#### 2. LOMCs Not Incorporated

The modifications effected by the LOMCs listed below have not been reflected on the Preliminary copies of the revised FIRM panels because of scale limitations or because the LOMC issued had determined that the lot(s) or structure(s) involved were outside the Special Flood Hazard Area, as shown on the FIRM. These LOMCs will be revalidated free of charge 1 day after the revised FIRM becomes effective through a single revalidation letter that reaffirms the validity of the previous LOMCs.

LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Old Panel	New Panel
LOMA	03-01-0204A	12/18/2002	3301 RIVERSIDE AVENUE	2552200002B	25005C0244G
LOMA	07-01-0103A	12/05/2006	ESTATE OF JOSEPH HOLT, PARCEL B – 1321 RIVERSIDE AVENUE (MA)	2552200002B	25005C0332G
LOMA	10-01-0308A	12/23/2009	3313 RIVERSIDE AVENUE	25005C0244F	25005C0244G
LOMA	10-01-0053A	01/14/2010	150 POPLAR ST, SOMERSET MA	25005C0244F	25005C0244G
LOMA	10-01-0207A	01/14/2010	LOT 15-4365 COUNTY STREET	25005C0242F	25005C0242G
LOMA	10-01-1021A	04/15/2010	LOT 10, BROAD COVE ESTATES - 917 PLEASANT STREET	25005C0242F	25005C0242G
LOMA	10-01-0623A	05/11/2010	1276 & 1284 Riverside Avenue	25005C0332F	25005C0332G
LOMA	10-01-0842A	06/08/2010	184 Main Street	25005C0244F	25005C0244G

12/13/2012

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# **Post-Preliminary Processing**

# Revalidation Letter Distribution

- Community
- FEMA Regional Office
- NFIP State Coordinator
- NOT to Homeowners or Developers
- **IS** available through FEMA Map Service Center: http://msc.fema.gov/



# **Post-Preliminary Processing**

- The compliance and map adoption period (6 months) <u>begins</u> at the date the Letter of Final Determination is sent and <u>ends</u> at the effective date.
- Community officials review and, if appropriate, revise the community's floodplain ordinances to ensure they are compliant with NFIP regulations.
- To avoid suspension from the NFIP, the community must adopt a compliant floodplain management ordinance. Communities should contact their State NFIP Coordinator's Office for model language and any questions regarding higher standards.
- Once the State has reviewed the ordinance and the community has adopted it, the ordinance must be approved by FEMA before close of business on the effective date.





# HAZARD MITIGATION AND FLOOD INSURANCE





# **Mitigation Actions Categories**









STRUCTURAL /NON-STRUCTURAL PROJECTS Detention Drainage

Acquisition Elevation Retrofits PLANNING MECHANISMS Zoning Building Codes Ordinances Open Space Plan EDUCATION & OUTREACH Public Awareness Outreach Educational programs

#### NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION

Stream and wetland restoration

**Erosion control** 





# HMA Grant Opportunities

 Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) includes both post-disaster and pre-disaster grants



**PDM and FMA** are available annually, subject to Congressional appropriations.

- Mitigation Plan Requirement
- Local/State Cost Share
- States Manage Programs and Set Funding Priorities
- State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) is contact
- These grants share the common goal of reducing risk to life and property due to natural hazards





# Mitigation Grants/Programs: OFAs





US Army Corps of Engineers®













# Community Rating System (CRS)

- Rewards NFIP communities taking additional actions to reduce risk
- Most flood insurance policies can receive insurance premium rate reductions (In New England generally ranging from 5%-15%)
- To be eligible FEMA must determine that the community is in full compliance with the NFIP
- For additional information please contact:

Katie Rand (katie.rand@fema.dhs.gov), FEMA Region 1 CRS Coordinator



# Points of Contact Hillsborough County, New Hampshire

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#### Compass Project Contact

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#### FEMA Region 1 Contacts

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- Chris Markesich, Sr. Program Specialist, FEMA Region I <u>christopher.markesich@fema.dhs.gov</u>



# Who Do I Contact With Questions?

- For general FEMA mapping and LOMC questions contact FEMA's Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX): 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) or email a Map Specialist: <u>FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com</u>
- Map Service Center (MSC): where you can view effective maps online for free: <u>https://msc.fema.gov/</u>
- To learn more about the National Flood Insurance Program: <u>http://www.floodsmart.gov/</u>







# Questions?

#### Please enter questions in the chat box in Teams

#### You can also email questions to Molly Cox at <u>coxmc@cdmsmith.com</u>

#### Thank you!



