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FEMA 90-Day Appeal & Comment Period

THE FEMA APPEAL & COMMENT PROCESS

FEMA requires a 90-day public Appeal & Comment Period for proposed Flood Insurance Rate Map changes. Public review of proposed Flood Insurance Rate Map changes is an important part of the map update process because it ensures that map data is as accurate as possible. The FEMA Appeal & Comment Period for this project is projected to begin mid 2021.

APPEALS

An Appeal is a technical issue with a Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map. Some common types of Appeals include a flood elevation objection or a dispute with the delineation of a floodplain boundary.

Appeals require supporting documentation such as a topographic map, engineering study, etc. Visit www.fema.gov and search “Criteria for Appeals of Flood Insurance Rate Maps” for more information about Appeals.

COMMENTS

A Comment is map error found on a Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map. Some common types of Comments include the correction of a street name, town limit boundary, etc. Comments do not generally require supporting documentation.

PROJECT TIMELINE (tentative)

- **2020** Draft floodplain maps available
- **Mid-late 2021** FEMA Appeal and Comment Period
- **Mid 2022** New Flood Insurance Rate Maps finalized
- **Early 2021** Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps produced
- **Early 2022** Appeals and Comments resolved
- **Late 2022** New Flood Insurance Rate Maps become effective

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If you have an Appeal or Comment encourage you to begin organizing materials early so that you are prepared for the 90-Day Appeal & Comment Period.

Please contact us directly for more information.

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