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Community Coordination Meeting York County, Maine Risk MAP Study

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Agenda

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- **Project Timeline**
- **PPP - Public Review and Appeal Period**
- **PPP - Effect on Existing Letters of Map Change**
- **PPP - Community Adoption Process**
- **Break Out Sessions**

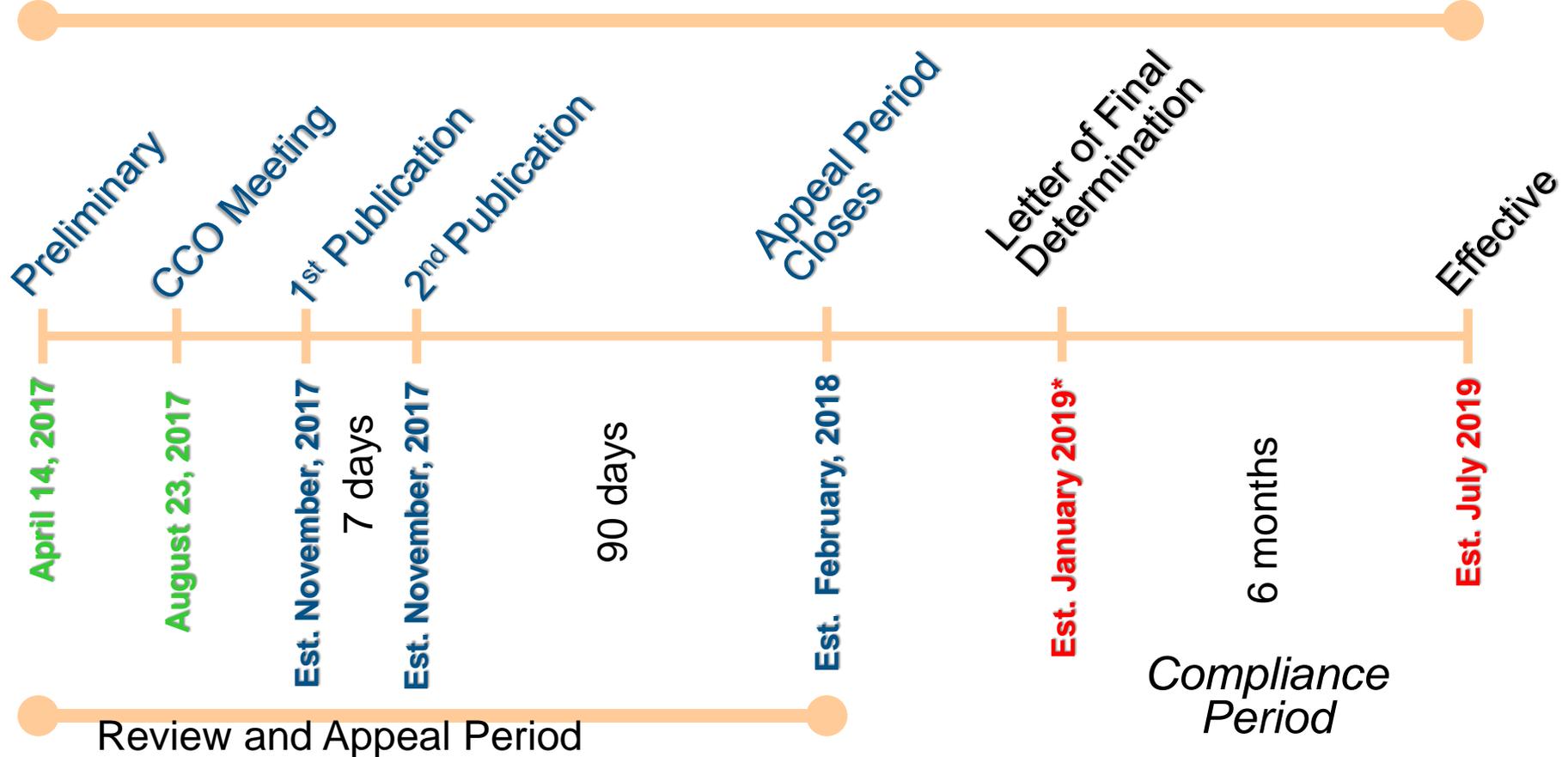
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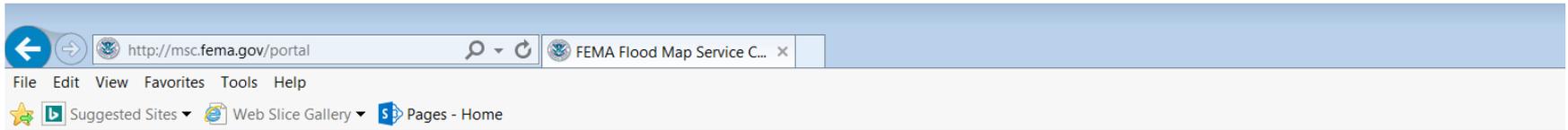
Post-Preliminary Phase Timeline

Typical Post Preliminary Phase takes approximately 20 months to complete



**LFD scheduled in January due to the Town Meeting requirement*

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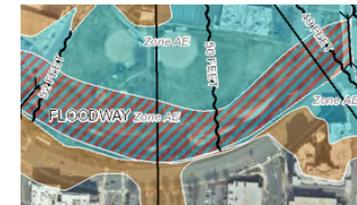
FEMA Flood Map Service Center: Welcome!

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Enter an address, a place, or longitude/latitude coordinates:

Looking for more than just a current flood map?

Visit [Search All Products](#) to access the full range of flood risk products for your community.



About Flood Map Service Center

The FEMA Flood Map Service Center (MSC) is the official public source for flood hazard information produced in support of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Use the MSC to find your official flood map, access a range of other flood hazard products, and take advantage of tools for better understanding flood risk.

FEMA flood maps are continually updated through a variety of processes. Effective information that you download or print from this site may change or become superseded by new maps over time. For additional information, please see the [Flood Hazard Mapping Updates Overview Fact Sheet](#)

msc.fema.gov/



Appeal and Comment Period

- **York County will have a 90-day appeal period for all changes to flood hazard information**
 - Notice of changes will be published in the Federal Register and on the FEMA website
 - Notice of changes will be published in your local newspapers twice within a 10-day period
 - The second newspaper publication will begin the 90-day appeal period

Appeals are for flood hazard information changes

What is an Appeal?

- **The new or revised flood hazard information is believed to be scientifically or technically incorrect**
- **The information is scientifically incorrect if:**
 - The methodology used and assumptions made in the determination of the information are inappropriate or incorrect
- **The information is technically incorrect if:**
 - The methodology was not applied correctly or was based on insufficient or poor-quality data
 - The methodology did not account for the effects of physical changes that have occurred in the floodplain

Data Submission

- **Explanation for alternative methodology**
- **Hydrologic analysis**
- **Hydraulic analysis**
- **Revised Flood Profiles**
- **Revised floodplain boundary delineations**
- **Revised floodway boundary delineations**

Appeal and Comment Period

- **York County will also have a comment period**
- **Comments do not involve BFEs and other flood hazard information**
- **Comments include, but are not limited to the following:**
 - Channel Names and Locations
 - Road Names and Locations
 - Corporate Limit Changes

Requests for changes other than flood hazard information are considered comments

Appeal and Comment Period

- **Please have appeals and comments directed to your local floodplain administrator**
- **Local floodplain administrator can submit all appeals and comments**

We will not move forward until your appeals and comments are resolved.

Appeal Resolution Process

- **After the 90-day appeal period has elapsed, FEMA will do the following:**
 - By a letter to the CEO, we will acknowledge receipt of all appeals submitted
 - We will review all appeals and the supporting data submitted with the appeal
 - If additional supporting data are required, we will request the data by letter
 - If appeals are not supported by data, we will inform the CEO by letter that the appeals are denied
 - If appeals are adequately supported, we will revise the BFEs and any other information affected by the appeals
 - We will revise the FIRM if necessary
 - We will send the CEO a letter that explains the resolution of the appeals
 - We will provide the community with a 30-day period to review and comment on the resolution
 - We will issue a letter of final determination to the CEO once appeals and comments are resolved

Letter of Final Determination

- **After the 90-day appeal period and all appeals and comments have been resolved, FEMA will issue a Letter of Final Determination (LFD)**
- **Along with the LFD, we will send the Final Summary of Map Actions (SOMA), informing the community of Letters of Map Change that will be revalidated or superseded**
- **The LFD begins a 6-month adoption/compliance period, during which the community will adopt the new maps into their floodplain ordinance**

Post-Preliminary Processing

- **The compliance and map adoption period begins at the date the Letter of Final Determination is sent, and ends at the effective date.**
- **During this period, 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. Do not wait until the last day to adopt your ordinance!**

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Breakout Session

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WEB LINKS

- **Preliminary and Effective Data**
 - [Msc.fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov/misc)
- **Coastal Outreach Material**
 - www.fema.gov/coastal-flood-risks
- **Multi-Hazard Planning Website**
 - www.fema.gov/multi-hazard-mitigation-planning
- **Mitigation Ideas**
 - www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=6938
- **National Flood Insurance Program**
 - www.floodsmart.gov
- **Flood Insurance Reform Act**
 - <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/resources-documents/collections/341>
- **Homeowners Flood Insurance Affordability Act**
 - <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/93074>