



**Floodplain Management Program  
Update on FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping  
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**FEMA is transitioning from a county wide mapping format to mapping watersheds as evidenced by the recent mapping projects being undertaken.**

**Lower Penobscot Watershed**

Preliminary map date: November 12, 2020. Communities should have received their copies of the preliminary map. Community coordination (CCO) meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am and Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Both meetings will be the same so local officials in the communities affected by the project should plan to attend one of the two virtual meetings.

As part of this study, Levee Analysis and Mapping Procedures (LAMP) for the levee on Indian Island and the associated outreach have been conducted with the Penobscot Nation.

Affects these communities: Bangor, Bradley, Brewer, Carmel, Clifton, Corinth, Dixmont, Eddington, Etna, Exeter, Glenburn, Hampden, Hermon, Holden, Kenduskeag, Levant, Milford, Newburgh, Old Town, Orono, Orrington, Plymouth, Stetson, and Veazie.

**Oxford County**

Affects all communities. Large Scale Automated Engineering (LSAE) modelling of Zone A and re-delineation of flood zone boundaries to the 2' contours. These will be incorporated into FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Map database for use in future Flood Insurance Studies.

**Hancock County**

Re-study 7 mile stretch of the Union River. 2D Rain on Grid Large Scale Automated Engineering (LSAE) modelling of Zone A and re-delineation of flood zone boundaries to the 2' contours. This will affect all the map panels in Hancock County. The work has been completed and FEMA will initiate Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs) in early 2021 so the changes will be incorporated into the map.

**Aroostook County**

2D Rain on Grid Large Scale Automated Engineering (LSAE) will commence in early 2021 using updated LiDAR data to produce approximate Zone As for the Fish, Aroostook, St. Francis River-St. John River, Becaguimec Stream-St. John River, and Meduxnekeag watersheds.

**Upper Androscoggin Watershed**

The Discovery meeting was held virtually on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Communities affected in **Oxford County**: Upton, LUPC (Adamstown Twp, Andover North Surplus Twp, Andover West Surplus Twp, Bowmantown Twp, C Surplus, Grafton Twp, Lincoln Plt, Lower Cupsuptic Twp, Lynchtown Twp, Magalloway Plt, Oxbow Twp, Parkertown Twp, Parmachenee Twp, Richardson Twp, Riley Twp, Township C, and Upper Cupsuptic Twp.)

Communities affected in **Franklin County**: Rangeley, LUPC (Alder Stream Twp, Chain of Ponds Twp, Dallas Plt, Davis Twp, Lang Twp, Massachusetts Gore, Rangeley Plt, Sandy River Plt, Seven Ponds Twp, Stetsontown Twp, Tim Pond Twp, Township D, and Township E.)

### **York and Cumberland counties**

The Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) met on July 21<sup>st</sup> and held oral briefings on August 18<sup>th</sup> to address the filings from South Portland and Old Orchard Beach. The panel decision was issued October 20<sup>th</sup>. FEMA is currently assessing and incorporating the decisions made by the SRP. This will delay the issuance of final maps until 2022. If you would like to review the SRP decision, it can be viewed here: [www.floodsrp.org](http://www.floodsrp.org).

### **Cumberland County**

Data collection, analysis, and mapping coastal erosion hazard potential for the coastline will be initiated in early 2021.

### **Dead River, Lower Kennebec, Piscataquis, and Saco (in Oxford County only) Watersheds**

2D Rain on Grid analysis is currently underway for these areas. Discovery will be initiated in Summer 2021.

“Discovery” is the process of identifying the community’s needs for new/updated flood hazard mapping.