

The Flood Record

March 2022

FEMA Region V “Managing Your Community’s Floodplains” Webinars

Registration is open now for the next four monthly, one-hour virtual training webinars targeted at local floodplain officials. Mark your calendars through the end of the year for the remaining sessions. They will be held from 9-10 am (CT), typically on the last Wednesday of the month. Certified Floodplain Managers, please note that the webinar information has been submitted to ASFPM for pre-approval for Continuing Education Credits. Look in the June newsletter for future registration links.

- **Topic #2 February 23, 2022:** Increased Cost of Compliance Coverage (ICC) -[Registration](#)
- **Topics #3 March 30, 2022:** NFIP Fundamentals for New Floodplain Managers -[Registration](#)
- **Topic #4 April 27, 2022:** Substantial Damage Assessments and the SDE Tool -[Registration](#)
- **Topic #5 May 25, 2022:** Development Permitting [Registration](#)
- **Topic #6 June 29, 2022:** NFIP Compliance
- **Topic #7 July 27, 2022:** Managing FIRM Map Changes and Community Acknowledgement
- **Topic #8 August 31, 2022:** Coastal Resilience and Floodplain Management
- **Topic #9 September 28, 2022:** Resolving Potential Violations
- **Topic #10 October 26, 2022:** Higher Standards
- **Topic #11 November 30, 2022:** Basement Flooding Mitigation
- **Topic #12 December 14, 2022:** No Adverse Impact

Introduction to Risk Rating 2.0 More Training Opportunities

FEMA Region 5 is hosting additional webinars about Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action. Each webinar is an introduction to Risk Rating 2.0 concepts. Additional time will be available for a question and answer period. See registration links below:

- Friday 3/11, 9 am to -12:15 pm:
https://fema.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_HpynAZFNQdeQ5iB31HZucQ
- Tuesday 3/15, 8:30-11:45 am:
https://fema.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_3vqvubHGTDGisAnKPFd59g
- Friday, 3/18: 10:30-11:45 am:
https://fema.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Kyh7kfKuSHmLRLaZdNfq7w

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Hazard Mitigation Grant Program – IEMA Pre-App deadline April 30, 2022

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) is accepting pre-applications for FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) from local governments. This round of HMGP funding is available as a result of DR 4489 issued for the COVID -19 Pandemic.

Download the [IEMA HMGP Pre-Application form](#) to begin your application process. Please be sure to complete the IEMA pre-application form in detail. Failure to include information required on the pre-application form will delay the processing and/or potential funding of your project.

The deadline to submit an IEMA pre-application is April 30, 2022.

- If your jurisdiction already completed and submitted a sub application for FEMA BRIC 2021 Grant Program, you **DO NOT** have to resubmit the pre-application for the same mitigation activity for HMGP DR 4489. The previously submitted BRIC 2021 sub application will remain under consideration, pending FEMA determination and selection of BRIC grants in June 2022.
- If your Jurisdiction is interested in requesting funding to implement a NEW or DIFFERENT mitigation activity to be considered under HMGP DR 4489, you must complete and submit the pre-application form to be considered for HMGP DR 4489 funding.
- All mitigation projects submitted in your pre-application must be consistent with the goals and objectives identified in the current, FEMA-approved State Mitigation plan and your local mitigation plan in which the project is located.
- For the HMGP Grant Program eligible activities please refer to [FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Guidance](#).

IEMA Funding Priorities are:

- Completion of FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plans.
- Adoption of 2018 or 2021 versions of the International Building Code and International Residential Code.
- Mitigation projects to enhance adaptation to climate change and developing an effective response to climate change.
- Mitigation projects to address equities/inequities and to provide the greatest support to economically disadvantaged rural communities.
- **Acquisition of substantially damaged flood-prone structures, severe repetitive loss structures, and repetitive loss structures.**
- Hospital Generators in hospitals with emergency departments and considered as a standalone projects [no BCA is required, please discuss project specifics with IEMA].
- Generators for Critical Facilities that demonstrates cost-effectiveness using FEMA BCA Toolkit 6.0.

For complete details on the grants process including eligibility criteria, cost share/match, benefit cost analysis, and setting up a FEMA grant account go to: [22 Mitigation HMGP Pre-Apps.pdf \(illinois.gov\)](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Sam Al-Basha, Illinois State Hazard Mitigation Officer at Sam.m.Al-Basha@illinois.gov or (217) 785-9942.

FEMA Mapping Status

Digital FIRMs for all of Illinois is getting closer. Countywide mapping is in progress for nineteen counties. Ford County maps will be effective soon and the long-awaited preliminary maps are finally on the horizon for the Metro East counties. Only four counties remain unfunded for digital maps.

Below are the targeted time frames for the steps in the mapping process. All meetings and open houses are expected to be virtual until further notice. For additional information go to www.Illinoisfloodmaps.org.

Effective (6 months after LFD date)

- Ford Co -Countywide Maps - May 17, 2022

LFD

- Lake Co Countywide Maps – Spring 2022

Preliminary Maps:

- St. Clair Co Countywide Maps – Spring 2022
- Monroe Co Countywide Maps – Spring 2022
- Madison Co Countywide Maps – Spring 2022
- Clay Co Countywide Maps - Summer 2022
- Effingham County Countywide Maps - Summer 2022

Public Open Houses

- Cook/Kane counties –Poplar Creek and Spring Creek Watersheds – Winter 2022

Flood Risk Review Meeting and Comment Period

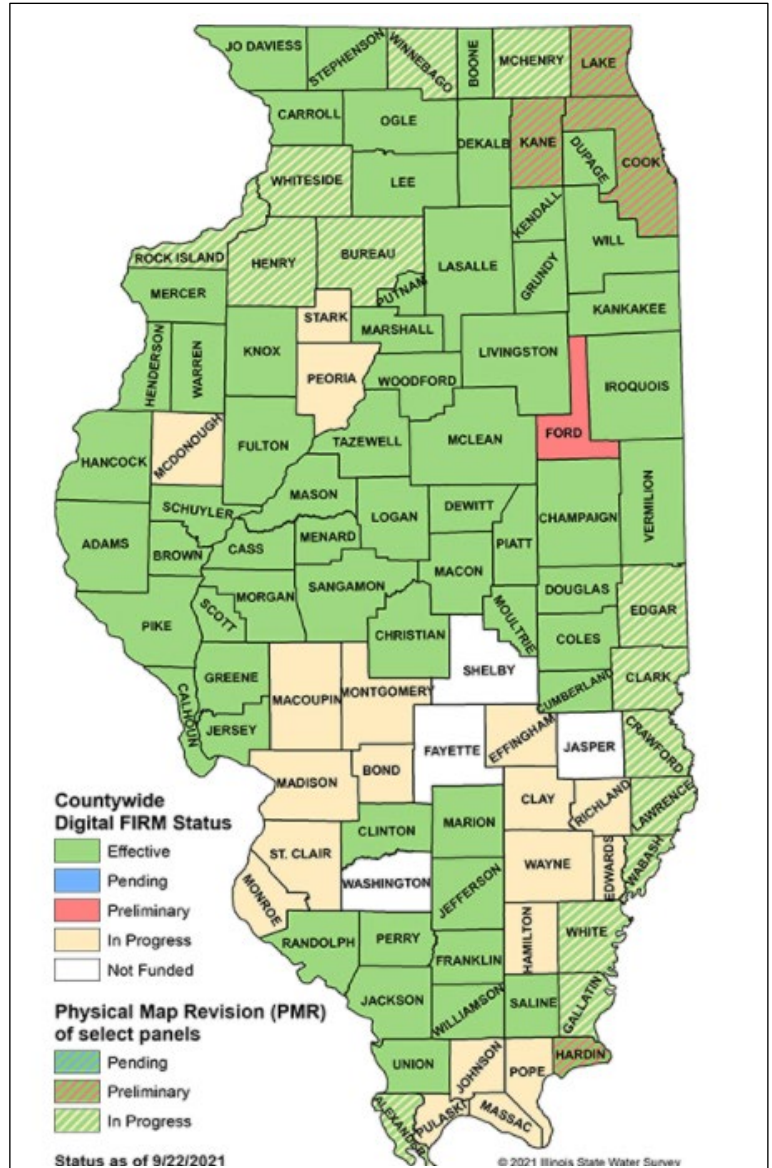
- Peoria Co – Countywide Maps– Winter 2022
- Middle Wabash and Busseron Watersheds – Summer 2022
- Lower Wabash Watershed– Summer 2022

Project Initiation Meetings

- Kishwaukee Watershed – Spring 2022
- Wayne Co - Countywide Maps– Spring 2022
- Hamilton Co -Countywide Maps– Spring 2022
- Rock Island Co –Rock River PMR - Spring 2022
- Montgomery Co – Countywide maps – Fall 2022

Take the Flood Insurance Quiz

Test your knowledge of flood related insurance with this interactive quiz from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). The NAIC serves to protect the public interest, promote competitive markets, and improve the state regulation of insurance. [Click here to take the quiz!](#)



WHAT THE FLOOD!

Test your knowledge of flood-related insurance with this NAIC interactive quiz.

START

Not all policies are the same, so the NAIC urges you to check your policies and consult your agent to confirm that the flood perils highlighted are covered by your insurance.

STUDY FOR THE QUIZ



Flood Insurance Claims Explained

FEMA’s Office of the Flood Insurance Advocate (OFIA) has created a video [FEMA’s Flood Insurance Advocate Explains Flood Claims](#). The video walks through documenting damages after a flood to make sure all of the flood losses are covered. It also includes reminders to take photos, measure highwater marks, and keep samples of flooring or cabinets if removed before a claim adjuster arrives.

Missing LOMAs? Sign up for a MSC Subscription

Back in August 2018 FEMA stopped mailing out paper copies of LOMAs issued in your community. Now, through the FEMA Map Service Center (MSC), you can sign up for a free subscription service that delivers LOMAs and all newly posted flood mapping products for your community via email. Subscriptions may be created, edited, or discontinued at any time. You may create multiple subscriptions to so monitor various products or communities. Please sign up at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/subscription>.

Post this video to your community’s website or social media account. Watch this video to better help you advise your residents to both prepare for and recover from a flood.

Another CRS Success Story in Illinois – Peoria County

Our own Peoria County is the most recent community highlighted as a successful CRS community. The [Peoria County](#) story is just one of the six Illinois communities highlighted on the [Success with CRS](#) webpage. Peoria County joined CRS in 1992 and is now a Class 5 community. Since 1988, the County has acquired more than 125 floodplain properties. Currently, the County has 244 NFIP flood insurance policies. Under the new flood insurance rating formula, the 25% discount will generate over \$60,000 in saved premiums for the County’s policy holders.

The other Illinois communities previously highlighted are Jersey County, Lake County, Village of Lisle, City of Ottawa, and Village of Winnetka.

New Elevation Finder Link

Save the new link to the Elevation Finder website: <http://maps.dnr.illinois.gov/elev/>

