Track Your Town's Progress To Prepare for New FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs)

Use this worksheet to estimate dates, identify who is involved at each step, and track your progress. These steps are explained at the VT DEC Flood Training website: bit.ly/fema-map-update.

Have questions? Ask your Regional Floodplain Manager.





Year maps become effective:

Locate the expected date for your county at: bit.ly/fema-map-update-status. Then, fill in the dates in the rest of this worksheet based on this year to give yourself a timeline.

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Discovery Meeting

Date:

Check status list to see if this has already happened...if not, anticipate 3-4 years before effective year.

People involved:



Municipal Plan Updates

Time Period:

Plan for 6-12 months, three years before effective year.

People involved:



Learning and Bylaw Updating

Time Period:

Plan for 6-12 months, ideally after new people join in April, completing two years before effective year.

People involved:



Select Board Consideration

Time Period:

Plan for 2-3 months, completing two years before effective year.

People involved:





FEMA Review of Updated Bylaws

Time Period:

This will happen shortly after the previous step and may take 1-2 months. Aim for the beginning of the year before the effective year.

People involved:



FEMA's Map Draft
Presentation and
Appeal Opportunity

Likely Timing:

This will likely be three months before maps become effective. Plan for October before your effective year, but it may be later.

People involved: