



Essex County, NJ Coastal Hazard Analysis Flood Risk Review Meeting

October 3, 2013





Agenda for Today

- Kick-off and Introductions
- Risk MAP Program Overview
- Hazard Mitigation Planning Process and Mitigation Actions
- Overview of Non-Regulatory Flood Risk Products and Datasets
- Coastal Flood Risk Study and Mapping
- Flood Risk Communications
- Breakout Group Sessions





FEMA's Risk MAP Program

- Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning 2010 - 2014
- Builds on Map Mod digitized Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) successes
- Will deliver quality data that increase public awareness and lead to action that reduces risk to life and property
- Regulatory Products: Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and FIRM (Coastal re-mapping)
- New Non-Regulatory Products and Datasets

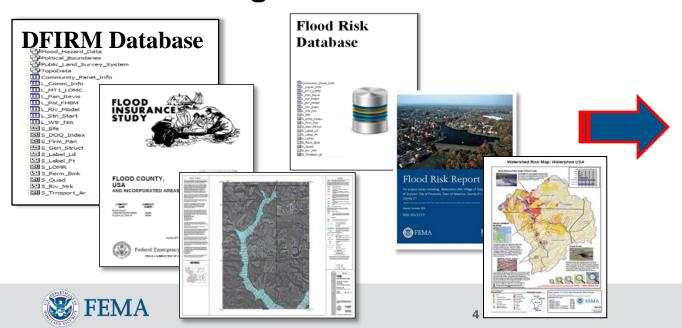






Hazard Mitigation & Your Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Hazard Mitigation is defined as any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property from hazards
- Use new Risk MAP information to help with identifying mitigation actions when updating your Hazard Mitigation Plan



Essex County's Hazard Mitigation Plan





Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs)

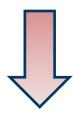
Risk MAP

Risk MAP Products and Datasets



Hazard Mitigation Plan

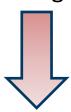
- Uses Risk Information
- IdentifiesProjects/Actions
- Integrated with Other Community Plans





Other Community Plans

- Comprehensive plans
- Capital Improvement
- StormwaterManagement Plans
- Emergency Operations
- Sustainability / Climate Change Plan



Mitigation Actions/Projects







Mitigation Actions – Types, Examples









STRUCTURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Acquisition
Elevation
Retrofits
Drainage

LOCAL PLAN AND REGULATIONS

Zoning
Building Codes
Ordinances
Open Space Plan

COMMUNITY IDENTIFIED PROGRAMS

Firewise StormReady NFIP CRS NATURAL SYSTEM PROTECTION

Stream and wetland restoration

Erosion control







What Action Will You Take?

- What are some areas of mitigation interest in your community?
- Can you think of any potential mitigation projects?
- Review draft Areas of Mitigation Interest and provide feedback to NJDEP and FEMA representatives during the working session















Mitigation Strategy Workshop

- A community's Hazard Mitigation Plan is only as good as its mitigation strategy. This interactive workshop is a chance to begin to:
 - Develop actions
 - Build a strategy for successful implementation
 - Coordination
 - Link your natural hazard risk, action and implementation
 - Use FEMA worksheets and examples
 - Communicate directly with FEMA planners









Non-Regulatory Coastal Flood Risk Products and Datasets







Flood Risk Products

Flood Risk Report, Map, and Database

Flood Risk Datasets

- Changes Since Last FIRM (CSLF)
- Coastal 1% Depth Grid
- Areas of Mitigation Interest (AOMI)
- Flood Risk Assessment (refined Hazus analysis)





Changes Since Last FIRM – Identifying Actions

Effective_ABFE_Prelim_Change Effective to Prelim Effective to Prelim2 Zone Change Non-SFHA to AO Non-SFHA to AE Non-SFHA to VE AE to VE No Zone Change VE to AE

VE to Non-SFHA



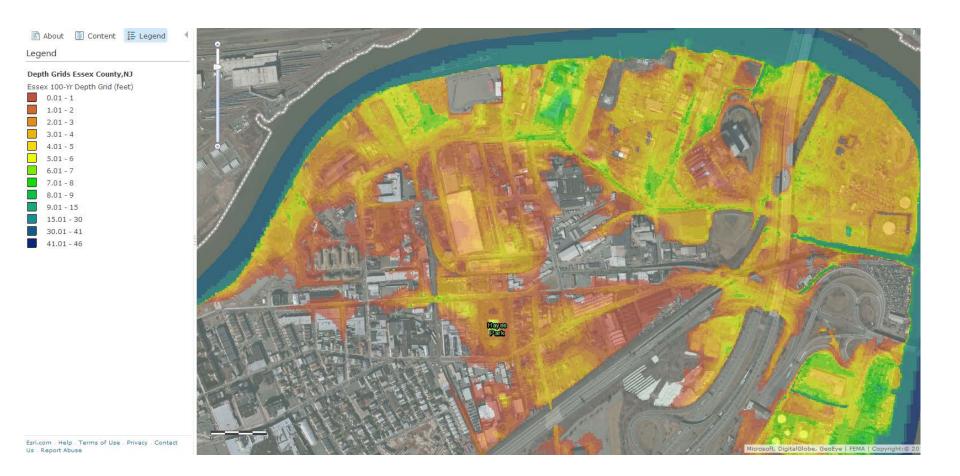
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Depth Grids – Identifying Actions



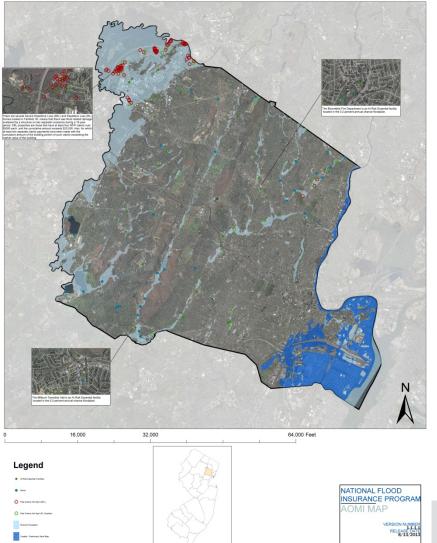






Areas of Mitigation Interest – Identifying Actions

Areas of Mitigation Interest - DRAFT Essex County, New Jersey







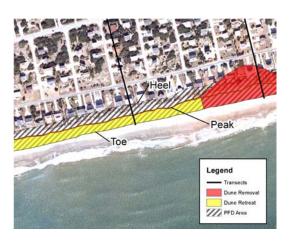


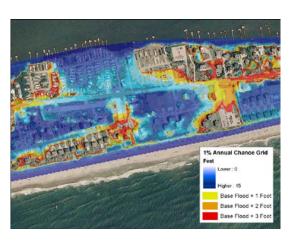


Non-Regulatory Coastal Flood Risk Products and Datasets

- To be provided in the near future:
 - Water Surface Elevation Change Grids
 - Coastal Flood Risk Assessments
 - Primary Frontal Dune (PFD) Erosion Areas
 - Coastal Increased Inundation Areas
 - Risk MAP report, map, database







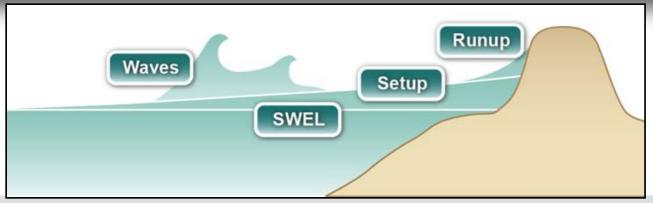






Effective vs. New Coastal Study

Coastal Study Component	Effective Study (2007)	New Study (2013)
Topographic data	1950s to 1970s	2006-2007 LiDAR
SWELs	N/A	2010 FEMA study
Modeled transects	0	36
Wave setup	No	Yes
Wave runup	No	Yes
LiMWA	No	Yes



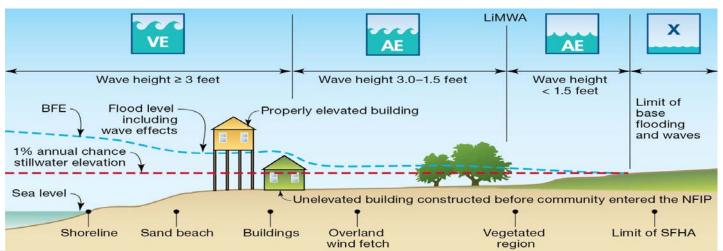






Mapping









Wave Runup

- Runup modeled for beaches, bluffs, cliffs and coastal structures
- Calculate top 2% of runup elevations (vs. previous studies using mean runup)
- Methods:

Runup 2.0, TAW, CSHORE





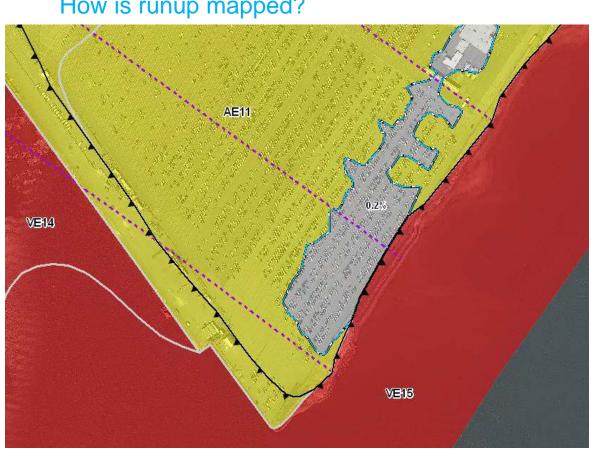




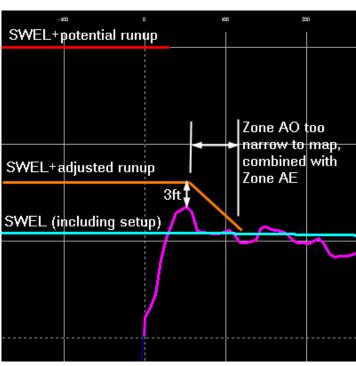


Wave Runup

How is runup mapped?



Profile view of Transect



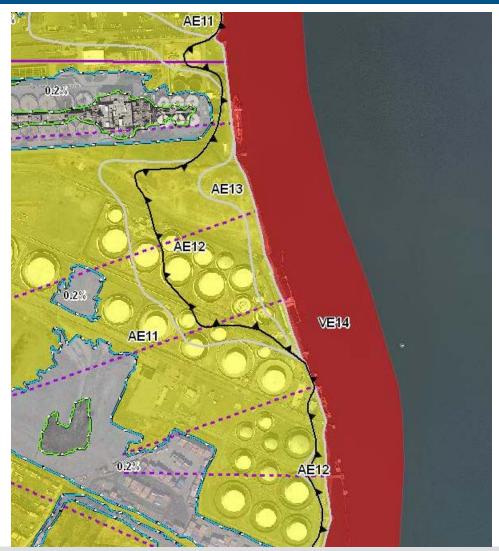






LiMWA on the Map

- LiMWA sits inside of a Zone AE
- LiMWA can cross
 Zone AE lines
- Triangles point to higher waves
 - Indicates where wave height exceeds 1.5ft
- Also referred to as Coastal A Zone







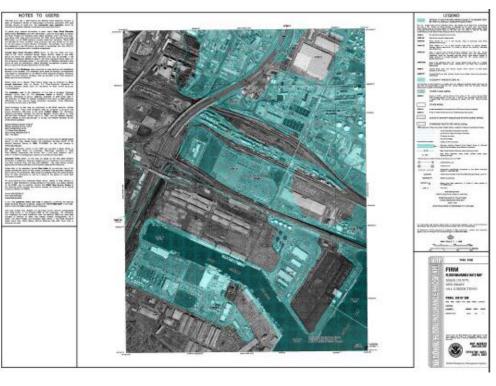


Preliminary Work Map vs. Preliminary FIS/FIRM

Essex County, NJ Preliminary Work Map



Preliminary FIRM







Risk Communications

Federal/State/Local goals:

- Creating safer communities reducing risk to lives and property
- Effectively communicate risk and increase public awareness, leading citizens to make informed decisions regarding risk
- Key factors contributing to successful achievement of these goals are:
 - Community engagement and exchange of flood risk information
 - Effective collaboration through partnerships
 - Strategic communications plan development





Risk Communications - Resources

- Visit our Website: www.region2coastal.com
- Outreach factsheets
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Coastal Risk Educational Videos
- Best Available Data (Preliminary Work Maps)
- Non-Regulatory Products and Datasets









Timeline for Essex County – Past

- NJ/NYC Coastal Flood Risk Study started in 2009
- Meetings with local officials:
 - Introduction to Risk MAP: July, 2010
 - Risk Assessment Workshop: May, 2012
- Post-Sandy:
 - ABFEs December, 2012
 - Multiple meetings with local officials and public
 - Preliminary Work Maps July, 2013
 - Webinar with local officials







Timeline for Essex County – Future

Preliminary Work Map Release Preliminary FIS/FIRM Release Post-Release of Preliminary FIS/FIRM

Post-Appeals

Post-LFD

Preliminary Work Maps released on Region 2 Coastal Website Preliminary
Flood
Insurance Rate
Maps released
to the
communities
and the general
public

Resilience Meeting

CCO/Open
House Meetings
and regulatory
formal 90 day
appeal period
will be
determined

FEMA will issue Letter of Final Determination (LFD) that initiates the 6 month adoption period before the new maps become effective – all appeals will be resolved prior to LFD

Effective FIRMs become the basis for community floodplain management and insurance requirements



Meeting

Review

Risk

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Conclusion: Community Resilience

Risk Changes
Over Time

FEMA
Provides Best
Available Data

Community Officials Adopt Higher Standards Property Owners Build to Higher Standards

More Resilient Communities Created











Together, we all can create stronger and safer communities





Breakout Groups

- Modeling / Engineering
- CSLF & Depth Grids
- AOMI & Hazard Mitigation Planning and Actions
- State

Please don't forget to turn in your evaluation sheets!









