

# Discovery Report Appendix D

## Stakeholder Survey

### North Country Watersheds

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## **North Country Watersheds: Risk MAP Discovery Project Stakeholder Survey**

Thank you for taking the time to complete this Discovery Data survey. The Discovery process is designed to provide important information to help the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) better understand flood risk issues and mapping needs in the North Country watersheds, and to help you increase your community's resilience to flooding through implementation of the Risk MAP (Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning) program. Please answer any and all questions to the best of your ability and/or knowledge. Any response can help us assess the risks for your community.

A map of the North Country watersheds can be found at the end of this survey. The map shows the North Country watersheds area and the jurisdictional areas included in the watersheds.

### ***Background***

Discovery is the initial phase of a Risk MAP project, in which FEMA and NYSDEC work with local stakeholders to collect data and learn about unique issues in a watershed. This includes gathering information about current flood risk, historical flooding, flood mapping and analysis needs, and local mitigation activities. All information collected will be considered when developing recommendations for future Risk MAP projects. These projects may include the creation of revised flood analyses, maps, or other products that can be used to reduce local flood risk. The Discovery process does not necessarily mean that a new Risk MAP project will take place - rather it is a process by which FEMA and NYSDEC learn about the issues in a watershed and prioritize the need for new studies.

### ***Discovery Meeting***

After compilation and evaluation of survey responses, a series of in-person Discovery meetings will be held within the North Country watersheds in the late summer or early fall of 2019 to present and discuss the preliminary results, as well as provide an additional opportunity for input.

### ***Completing and Sharing This Survey***

We respectfully request that you complete the survey by **August 30, 2019** in order for the North Country Discovery team to develop preliminary materials to be reviewed during the in-person Discovery meetings with affected stakeholders. If you have any questions about FEMA's Discovery process or about completing this survey, please contact the North Country Discovery team at [phipley@dewberry.com](mailto:phipley@dewberry.com). If you believe there are other stakeholders that should receive this survey, please provide their contact information to us and we will send them a copy.

### ***Sending us the Completed Survey***

You may complete the survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/72P89CR> or you may mail / e-mail your completed survey form to:

Philip Hipley  
Dewberry  
8401 Arlington Boulevard, Mail Stop 26  
Fairfax, VA 22031  
[phipley@dewberry.com](mailto:phipley@dewberry.com) (e-mail)



## 1. Your Contact Information

Date:	County Name (if applicable):
Community Name/Organization:	
Your Name:	
Your Title/Role:	
Your Address:	
Daytime Phone:	e-mail:
Contact Preference: <input type="checkbox"/> e-mail <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Standard Mail	

## 2. Flood Mapping Needs / Historical Flood Problems

Question	Your Response (include details here as necessary)
<p>Describe any inaccuracies related to the Special Flood Hazard Areas shown on your community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM):</p> <p>Include the names of streams / reaches that need to be studied or restudied (<i>including starting and ending locations</i>), and the type of location (<i>e.g., rural, urban, suburban, commercial development area, residential area, development pressures</i>).</p> <p><b>Please also rank how you would prioritize any updates needed.</b></p>	
<p>Describe your community's experience with past flood disasters and flood disaster recovery:</p> <p>When have areas within your community flooded?</p> <p>What streams / areas were affected?</p>	



Question	Your Response (include details here as necessary)
Describe any areas in your community with repeated flooding problems. Please provide the stream or lake / pond name(s) and location where the flooding occurred.	
<p>Are there verifiable flood high-water marks located within your community?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>If yes, please provide details for location and a Point of Contact for additional information.</i></p>	

### 3. Community Planning and Ongoing Projects

Question	Your Response (include details here as necessary)
<p>Are there any recent ongoing or proposed projects, such as DOT, USACE, NRCS or privately funded projects (including bridge and culvert replacements) since the last FIRM revision for your community?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>If yes, what is the type of project? Where is it located? Who is the Point of Contact for additional information?</i></p>	
<p>Are there areas where there has been recent residential, commercial, or industrial development or that is likely to have future development pressures?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>If yes, please describe, including the nature and location of the development, the total project size in acres and, if appropriate, the number and size of lots.</i></p>	



Question	Your Response (include details here as necessary)
<p>Are there any piped or naturally occurring underground streams within your community?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>If yes, please describe the location(s) in detail.</i></p>	
<p>Does your community have an Open Space Conservation Plan?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>If yes, please provide details (title and date of plan and a Point of Contact for additional information).</i></p>	
<p>Does your community have or participate in a Watershed Management Plan?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><i>If yes, please provide details (title and date of plan and a Point of Contact for additional information).</i></p>	

#### 4. Mitigation Activities

Question	Your Response (included details here as necessary)
<p>Provide the following information about your community's Hazard Mitigation Plan (if applicable).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of plan</li> <li>• Has your community adopted the plan?</li> <li>• Who is your community's Point of Contact regarding the plan? (Please provide contact information as well.)</li> </ul>	



Question	Your Response (included details here as necessary)
<p>Describe any prior flood mitigation activities (e.g. buyout of properties in the floodplain, stream restoration activities, structural flood control projects, preserving open space in the floodplain) that have occurred in your community and the Point of Contact for each activity.</p> <p>Are these activities referenced in your community's Hazard Mitigation Plan?</p>	
<p>What types of training or other assistance could FEMA or NYSDEC provide that would aid in your ability to implement mitigation activities and communicate flood risk to your citizens?</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Floodplain Management Administration  <input type="checkbox"/> Building Code Requirements  <input type="checkbox"/> Hazard Mitigation &amp; Grant Programs  <input type="checkbox"/> Effective Public Outreach  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please provide details at right)         </p>	

## 5. National Flood Insurance Program / Floodplain Management Information

Question	Your Response (included details here as necessary)
Describe any areas in your community where Letters of Map Amendment are concentrated.	
<p>Does your community know about the Community Rating System (CRS) that can provide flood insurance discounts in communities that take extra steps to reduce flood risk?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>Would you like additional information about the CRS?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	



Question	Your Response (included details here as necessary)
If your community does participate in CRS please describe your community's CRS activities.	
Does your community have an active floodplain development permit process? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Who in your community is responsible for issuing permits in flood hazard areas?	

***For the following questions (6-8) related to data, please provide a brief description and the source, date, and format of each available data set. It is especially important for us to know of data that your community / organization may have that we do not have access to and which of these data you have in GIS (geospatial) format.***

## 6. Base Map Data

Data Type	Availability / Format	Your response(s)
<u>Political boundaries:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Available <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Hard Copy <input type="checkbox"/> GIS Format (e.g. shapefile) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Digital Format	
<u>Transportation features:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Available <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Hard Copy <input type="checkbox"/> GIS Format (e.g. shapefile) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Digital Format	
<u>Parcel and zoning data:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Available <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Hard Copy <input type="checkbox"/> GIS Format (e.g. shapefile) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Digital Format	



Data Type	Availability / Format	Your response(s)
<u>Building footprints:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Available <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Hard Copy <input type="checkbox"/> GIS Format (e.g. shapefile) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Digital Format	

## 7. Engineering Data

Data Type	Availability / Format	Your response(s)
<u>Location of flood control structures (berms, floodwalls, levees):</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Available <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Hard Copy <input type="checkbox"/> GIS Format (e.g. shapefile) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Digital Format	
<u>Location of dams:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Available <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Hard Copy <input type="checkbox"/> GIS Format (e.g. shapefile) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Digital Format	
<u>Local survey data (e.g. from subdivision, stream modification projects):</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Available <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Hard Copy <input type="checkbox"/> GIS Format (e.g. shapefile) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Digital Format	
<u>Local flood gage data or rain gage data:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Available <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Hard Copy <input type="checkbox"/> GIS Format (e.g. shapefile) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Digital Format	





Data Type	Availability / Format	Your response(s)
<u>Relevant flood hazard studies that include hydrology, hydraulics, and / or mapping</u> (may include <i>DOT, USACE, NRCS or privately funded projects, including bridge and culvert replacements</i> ):	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Available <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Hard Copy <input type="checkbox"/> GIS Format (e.g. shapefile) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Digital Format	

## 8. Risk Assessment Data

Data Type	Availability / Format	Your response(s)
<u>Essential / Critical Facilities:</u> (e.g. hospitals, fire stations, community offices)	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Available <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Hard Copy <input type="checkbox"/> GIS Format (e.g. shapefile) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Digital Format	
<u>Hazard Mapping:</u> (e.g., <i>Dam Break Inundation Maps, Chemical Depots, Confinement Facilities, Sink holes, etc.</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Available <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Hard Copy <input type="checkbox"/> GIS Format (e.g. shapefile) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Digital Format	
<u>Historical flood inundation areas:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Available <input type="checkbox"/> Paper/Hard Copy <input type="checkbox"/> GIS Format (e.g. shapefile) <input type="checkbox"/> Other Digital Format	

**9. Please provide contact information for your community's / organization's GIS data manager(s), if applicable.**

<b>County / Municipality / Organization:</b>	
Name:	Title:
Address:	
Daytime Phone:	e-mail:
<b>County / Municipality / Organization:</b>	
Name:	Title:
Address:	
Daytime Phone:	e-mail:

**10. Are there other community officials or groups that would be interested in learning about / participating in this project? If so, please provide names and contact information below.**

<b>County / Municipality / Organization:</b>	
Name:	
Address:	
Daytime Phone:	e-mail:
<b>County / Municipality / Organization:</b>	
Name:	
Address:	
Daytime Phone:	e-mail:

**11. Do you have any other information that should be considered as part of the North Country Watersheds Discovery Process?**

Include supporting documents (e.g., map of primary mapping needs or areas with reoccurring problematic flooding), citations for reports, and any other information you would like considered.

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## North Country Watersheds Discovery Project Area

