

# Franklin County, NY RiskMAP Kick Off Meeting

February 10, 2021



- ▶ Send a message with your name, role, & community or organization in the chat.
- ▶ We'll ask people who joined via phone to introduce themselves.

*As partners with FEMA, it's important we create dialogue about your needs for flood risk information.*



**What do Franklin communities  
aspire to accomplish using today's  
meeting?**



# Today's Goals

1

The value of updated flood maps for your community

2

Recap of Flood Risk Study history, including Discovery and Base Level Engineering

3

Review county-wide study scope, products and outreach process

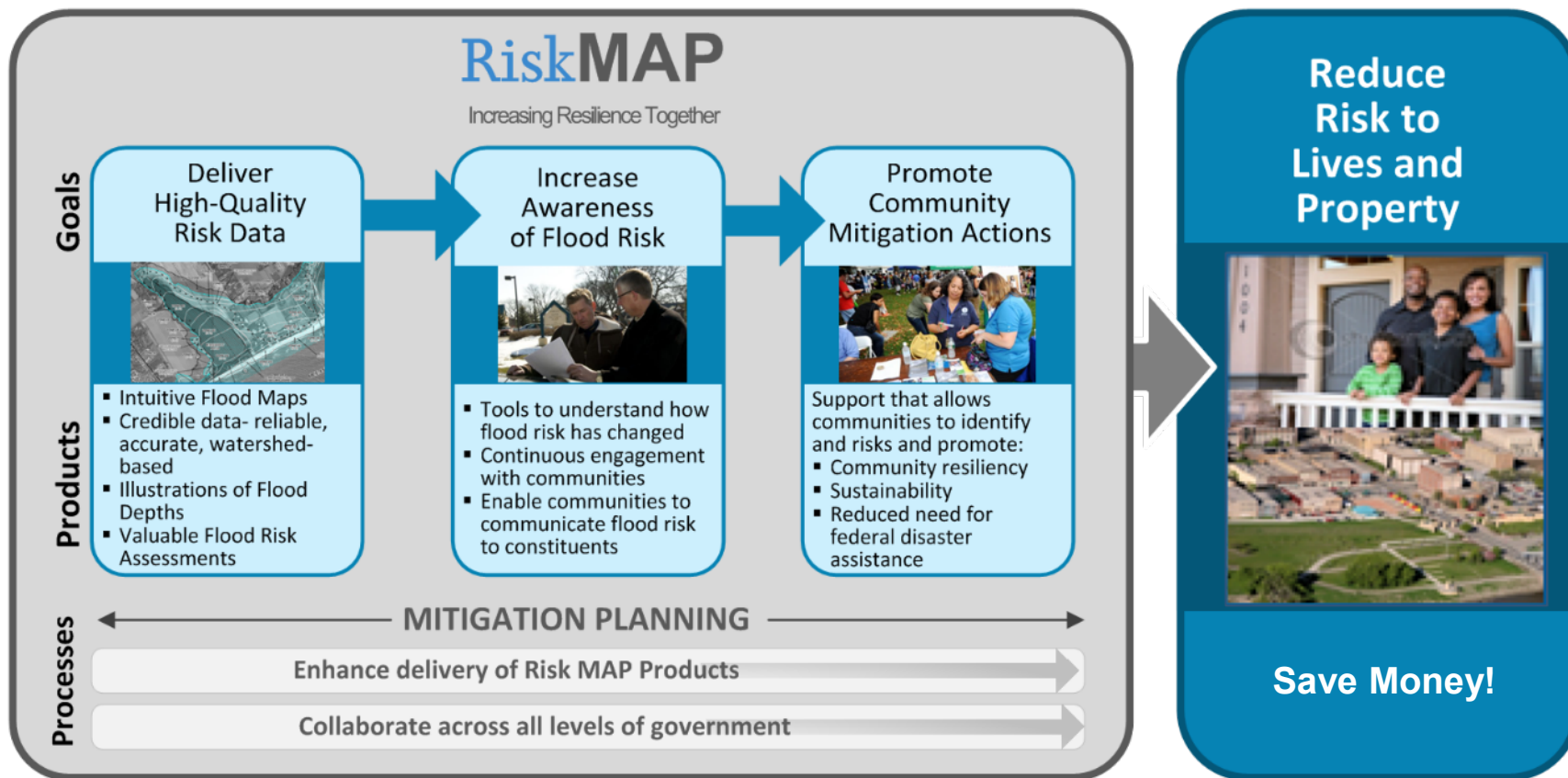


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# FEMA Mitigation Division

## Risk Analysis Branch

Goal: Stronger and Safer Communities



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# The Value of Updated Flood Maps for Local Communities

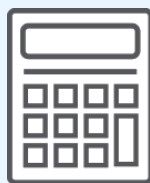


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# Flood Maps Guide Progress By:



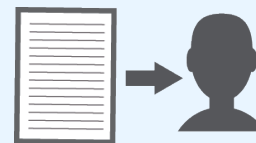
**Identifying  
and  
Assessing  
Flood Risk**



**Establishing  
Flood  
Insurance  
Rates**



**Determining  
Local Land  
Use**



**Informing  
Engineers  
and  
Developers**



**Equipping  
Emergency  
Managers**



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# Why we are here

We want to help communities understand flood risk and take action to reduce it because...

## Risk changes over time

- All floods are different. Nature and communities change.

## Flooding happens

- Communities may face flooding. Is your community active or reactive to flood risk?

## Mitigation is Possible

- Proactive communities plan to reduce flood impacts and other hazards.





# How did we get here?

## Review past activities



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# Discovery / Post-Discovery Progress *Recap*

## North Country Watershed

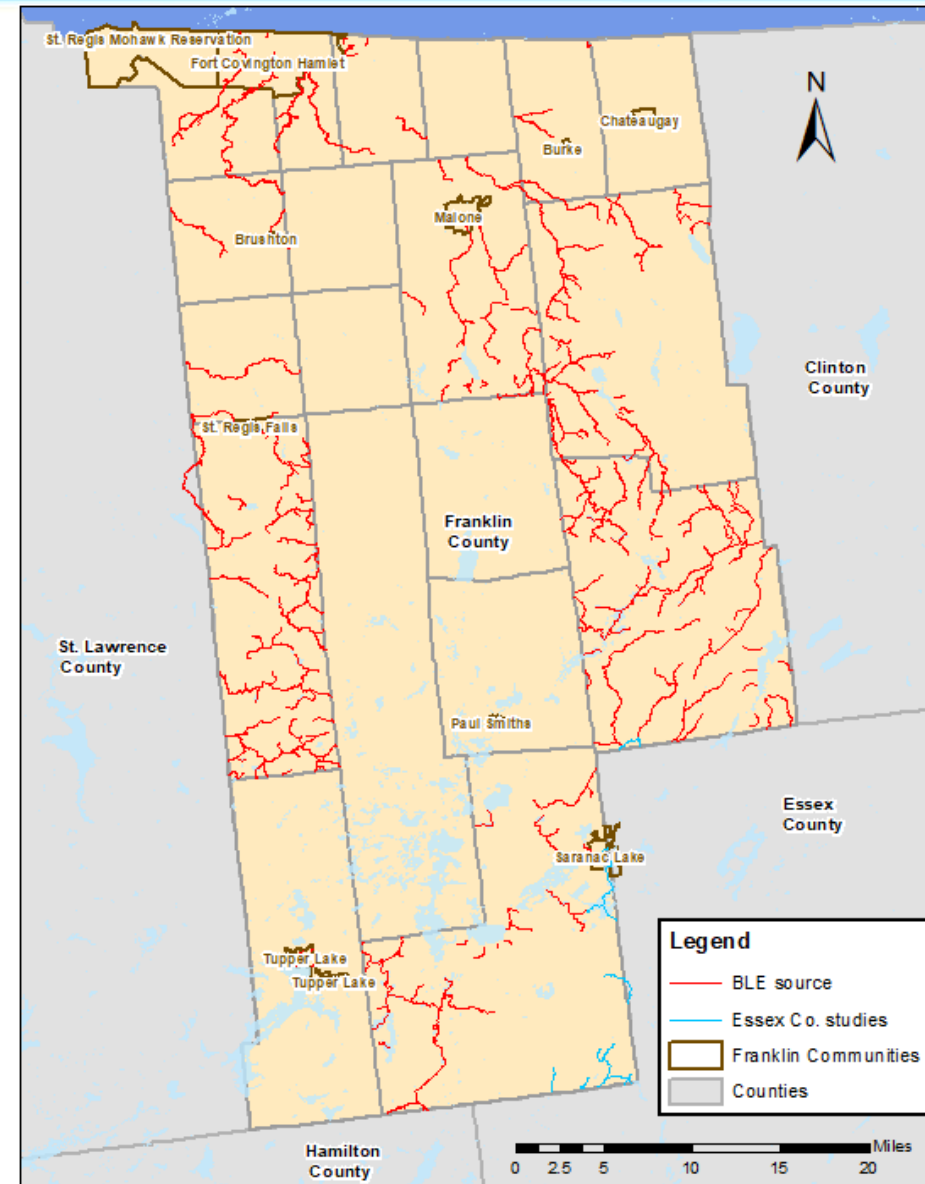
- ▶ Meetings held in September 2019
- ▶ Discovery project completed in March 2020
- ▶ Community input guided FEMA priorities
- ▶ Franklin County's Highest Priorities included:
  - Salmon River
  - St. Regis River
  - Little Salmon River
  - Indian Lake and Mountain Lake
  - Lower Chateaugay Lake





# Leveraged Data – Base Level Engineering *Recap*

- ▶ Base Level Engineering
  - Approximate – 557 miles
- ▶ Any local flood studies that FEMA should be aware of?



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# **What is being studied now?**

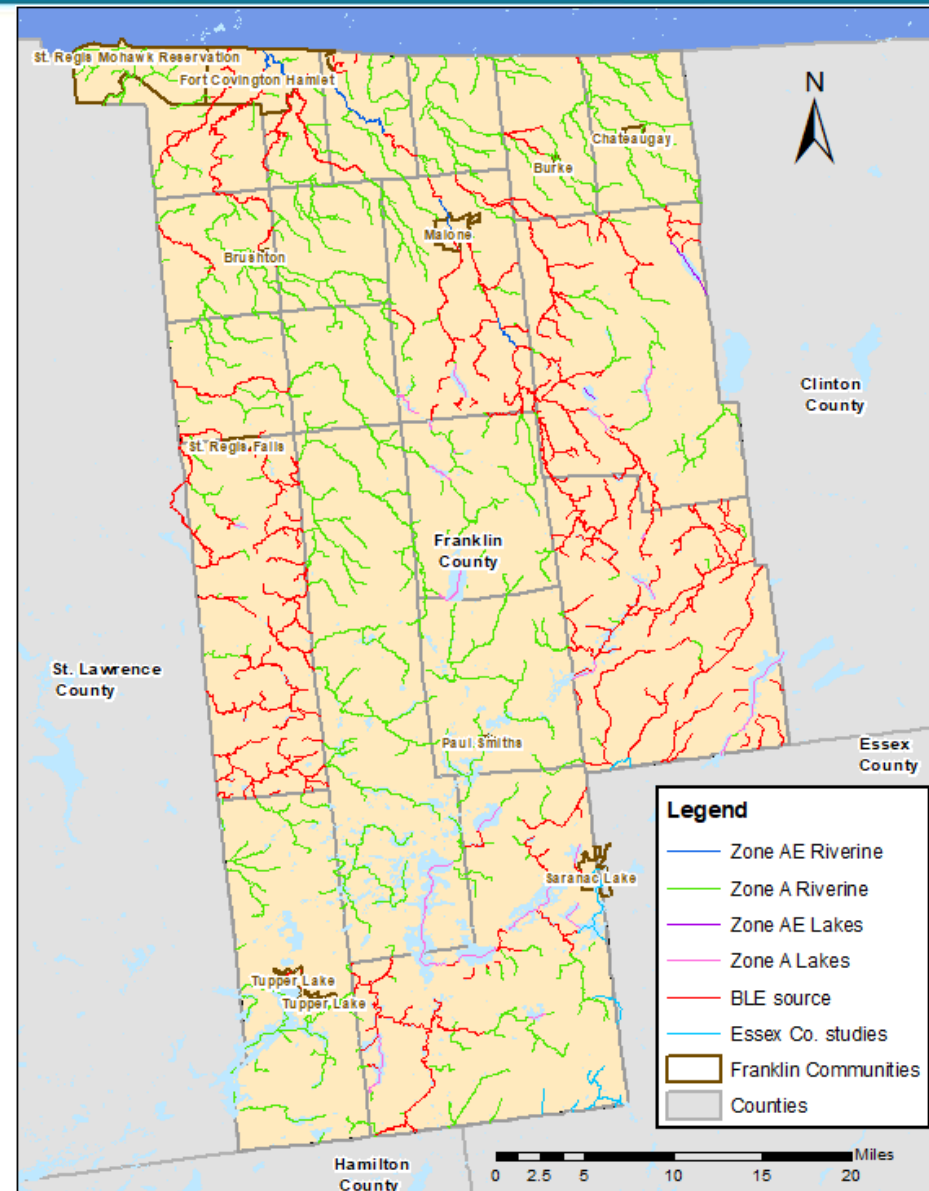
## Discuss scope of new study



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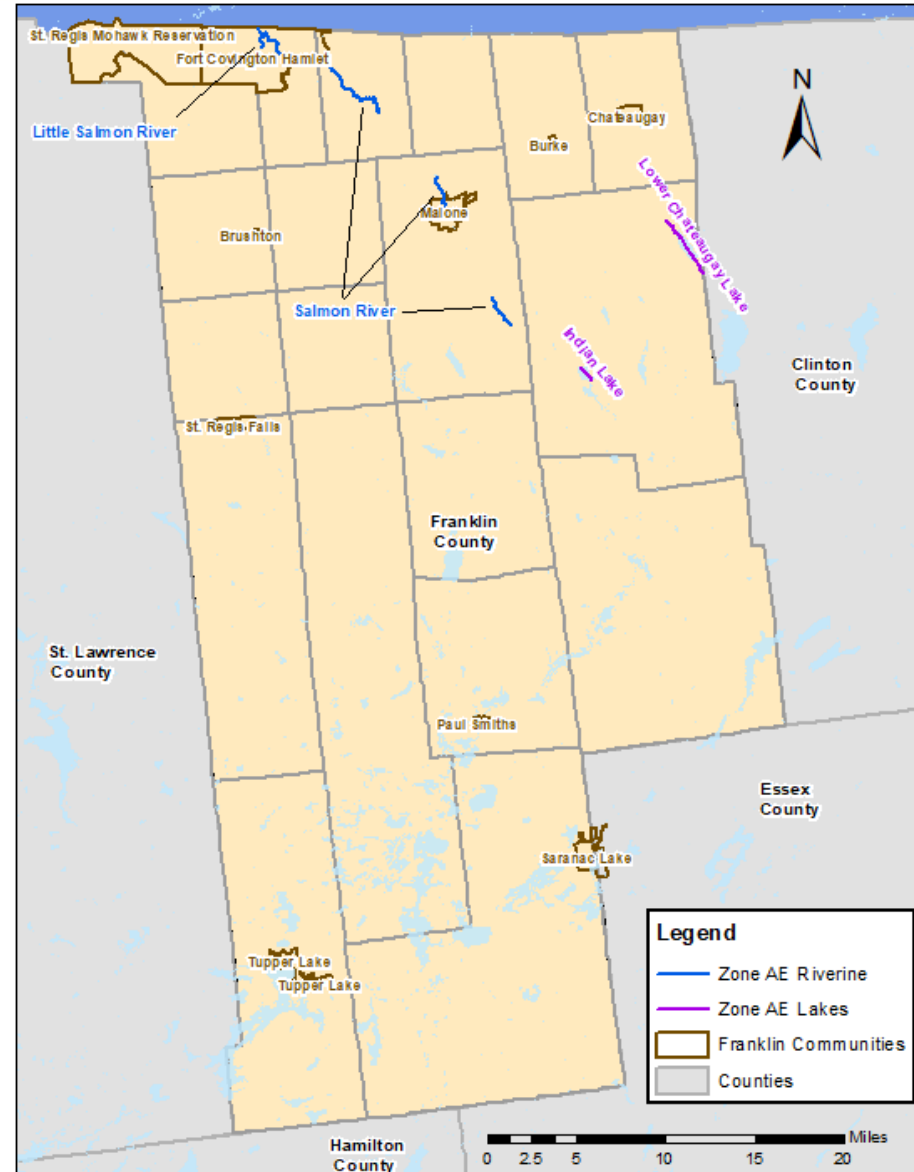
# Franklin County, Countywide Flood Risk Study Scope

- ▶ **First time digital maps**
- ▶ **Additional flooding sources analyzed**
  - Detailed riverine studies (AE Zone) – 2 streams, 19 miles
  - Detailed lake studies (AE Zone) – 2 lakes, 4 miles
  - Approximate (A Zone) studies – multiple streams, 1332.6 miles
- ▶ **26 updated communities**
- ▶ **233 map panels**
- ▶ **Review meetings**
  - Hydrology Meeting
  - Hydraulics Meeting
  - Flood Risk Review Meeting



# Detailed (AE Zone) Study Scope

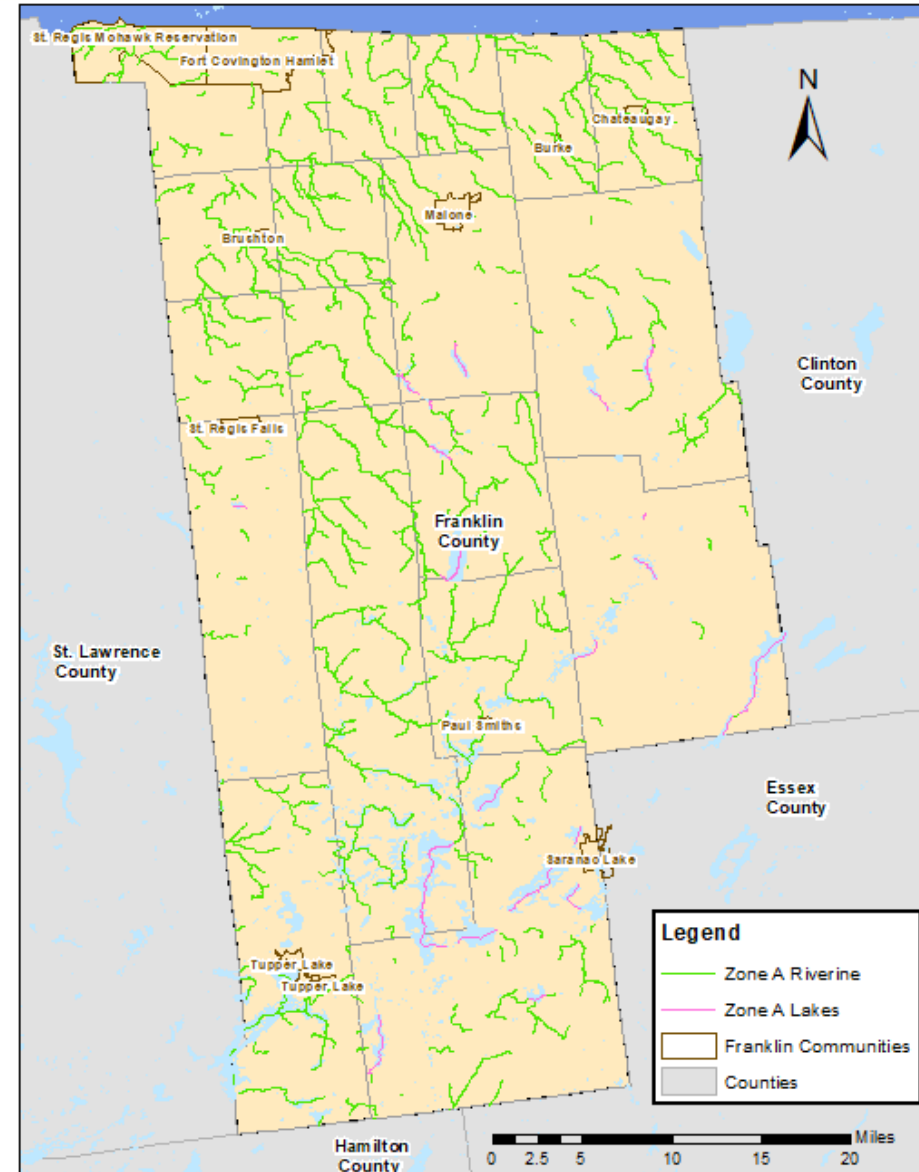
- ▶ **2 Studied Streams – 19.1 miles total**
  - Little Salmon River – 1.1 miles
  - Salmon River – 18.0 miles
- ▶ **2 Studied Lakes – 3.7 miles**
  - Indian Lake – 1.0 miles
  - Lower Chateaugay Lake – 2.7 miles



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# Approximate (A Zone) Study Scope

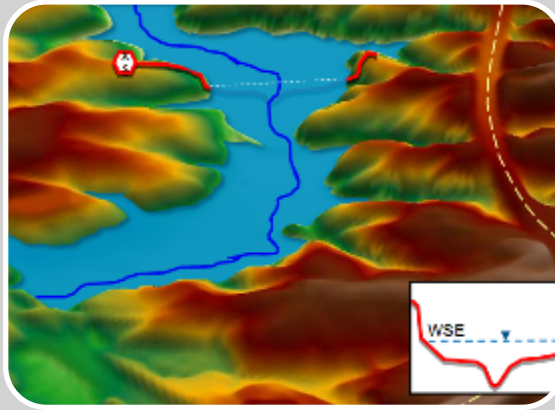
- ▶ **Completes countywide stream coverage**
- ▶ **Approximate Streams – 1332.6 miles**
  - Notable streams include:
    - Little Salmon – 37.4 miles
    - East Branch St. Regis River – 21.7 miles
    - Raquette River – 23.7 miles
    - Salmon River – 29.3
    - St. Regis River – 46.7 miles
- ▶ **Approximate Lakes – 60.7 miles**
  - Notable lakes include:
    - Mountain View Lake
    - Upper Saranac Lake
    - Middle Saranac Lake
    - Lower Saranac Lake
    - Union Falls Pond
    - Franklin Falls Pond



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# Flood Hazard Analysis



## Hydrology

Volume of water?  
Peak Flows?

When will storm  
water or runoff make  
it to the stream?

## Hydraulics

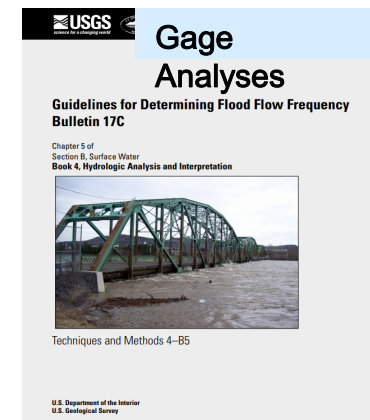
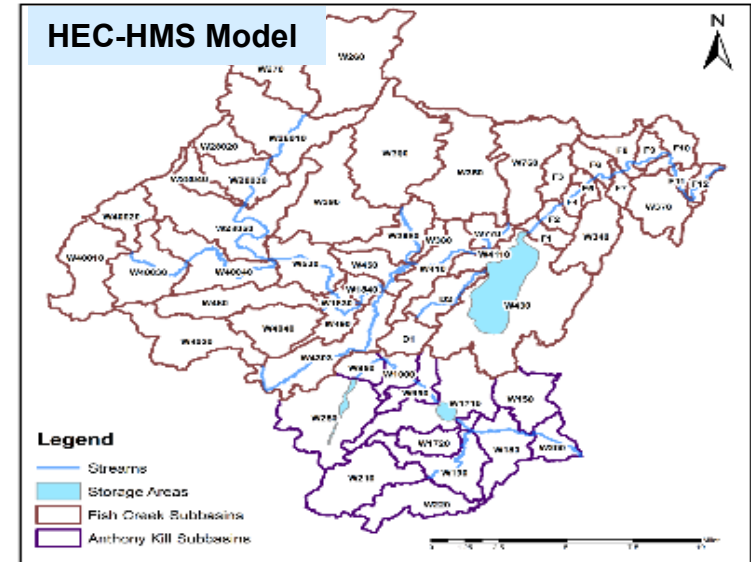
Will the stream in  
question be able to  
convey all storm  
water or runoff that  
arrives?

## Floodplain Mapping

What areas of a  
community will be  
inundated based on  
engineering analysis?

# Engineering Methods - Hydrologic Analysis

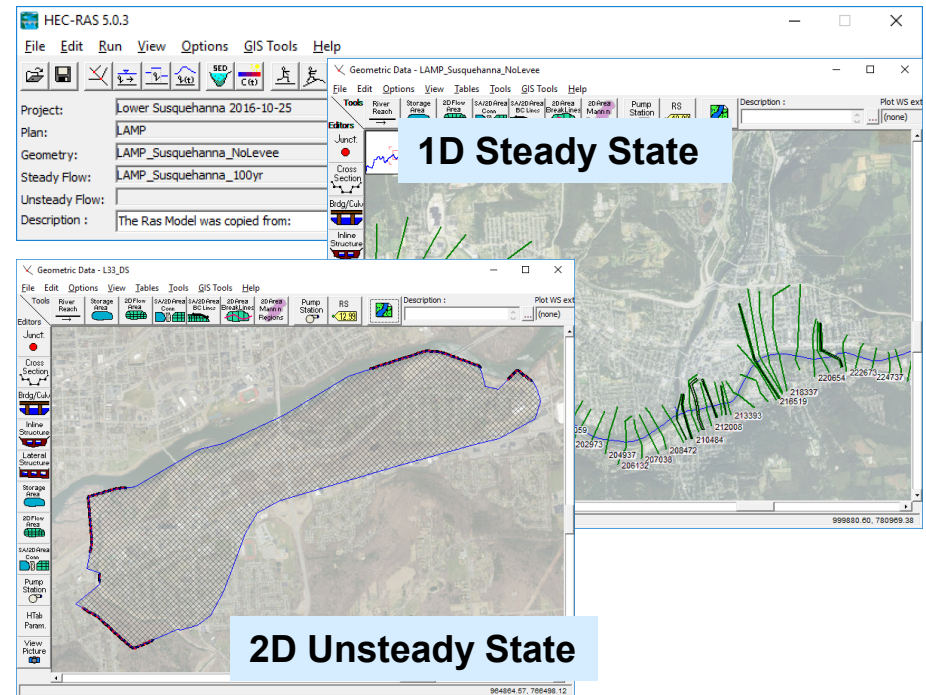
- ▶ **Typical Methods FEMA utilizes**
  - Statistical Gage Analyses
  - Regression Analyses
  - Rainfall Runoff Modeling
- ▶ **Gage/Regression are based on availability stream gage data**
- ▶ **Rainfall-Runoff physical modeling chosen due to limited gage data**
  - Using HEC-HMS models
- ▶ **Discharges developed for**
  - 10%, 4%, 2%, 1%, 1%+, 1%-, 0.2%
  - Inputs for hydraulic analyses



# Engineering Methods - Hydraulic Analysis

- ▶ **Modeling developed using USACE's HEC-RAS Program**
  - One Dimensional (1D) Steady State
- ▶ **Terrain Data**
  - Provides topographic elevation information
  - Supplemented by field survey
  - Data Sources:
    - 2014 USGS Clinton Essex Lake Champlain
    - 2015 NYS Warren Washington Essex
    - 2016/17 FEMA Franklin St. Lawrence
    - 2017 FEMA Fulton Saratoga Herkimer Franklin
- ▶ **Field Survey for Detailed only**
  - Collection underway: 22 structures and 194 under water channel sections

## HEC-RAS Models



- ▶ **Flood Hazard Data Generated**
  - Elevations: 10%, 4%, 2%, 1%, 1%+, 1%-, 0.2%
  - Floodplain extents: 10%, 1%, 0.2%, Floodway



# Engineering Methods - Detailed Streams

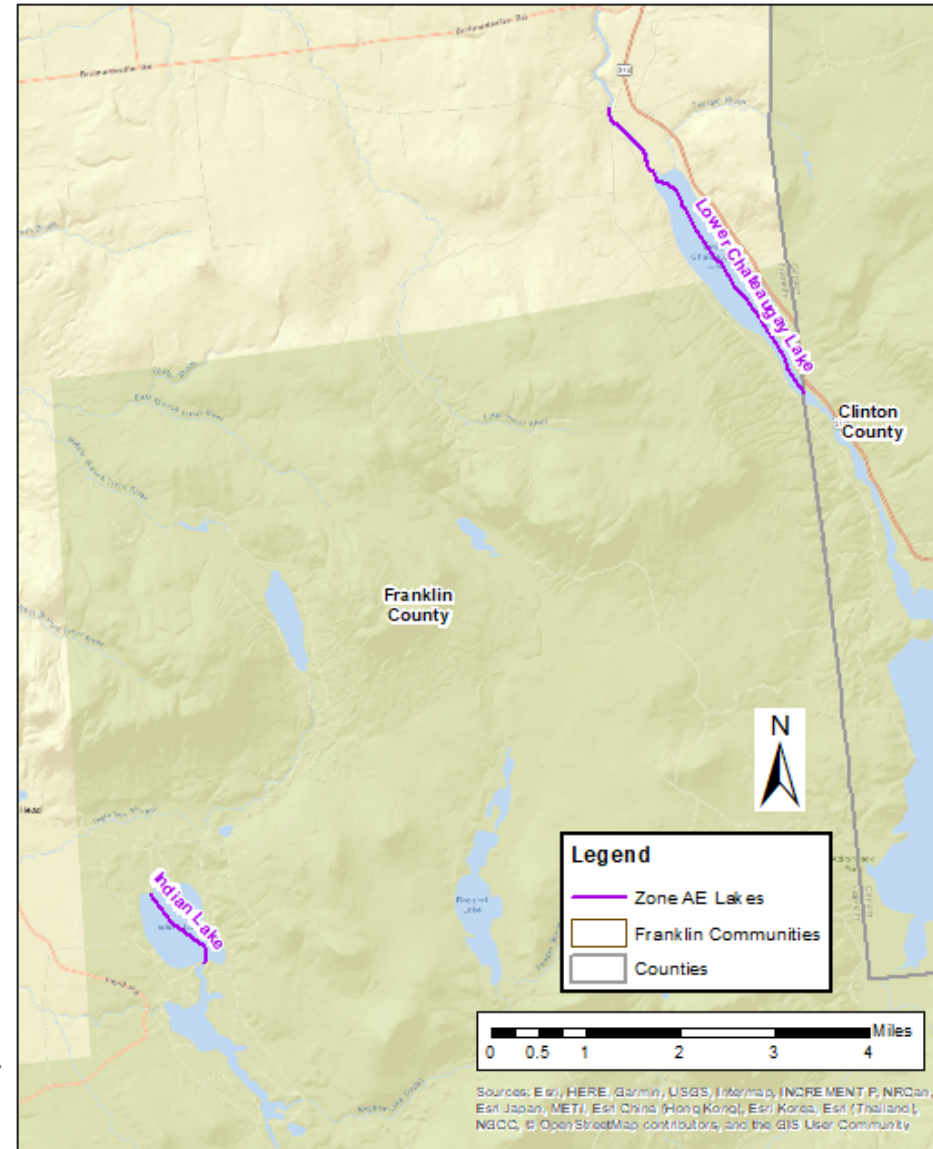
- ▶ **Hydrologic Method: USGS Regression Equations/Gage Analysis**
  - Little Salmon River
  - Salmon River
- ▶ **Hydraulic Method: HEC-RAS, 1D steady state hydraulic model**
  - Little Salmon River – 1.1 miles
  - Salmon River – 18.0 miles



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# Engineering Methods - Detailed Lakes

- ▶ **Hydrologic Method: Stage-Frequency Analysis**
  - Lower Chateaugay Lake
- ▶ **Hydrologic Method: Volumetric calculations**
  - Indian Lake
- ▶ **Hydraulic Method: Static Elevation Mapped**
  - Indian Lake – 1.0 miles
  - Lower Chateaugay Lake – 2.7 miles

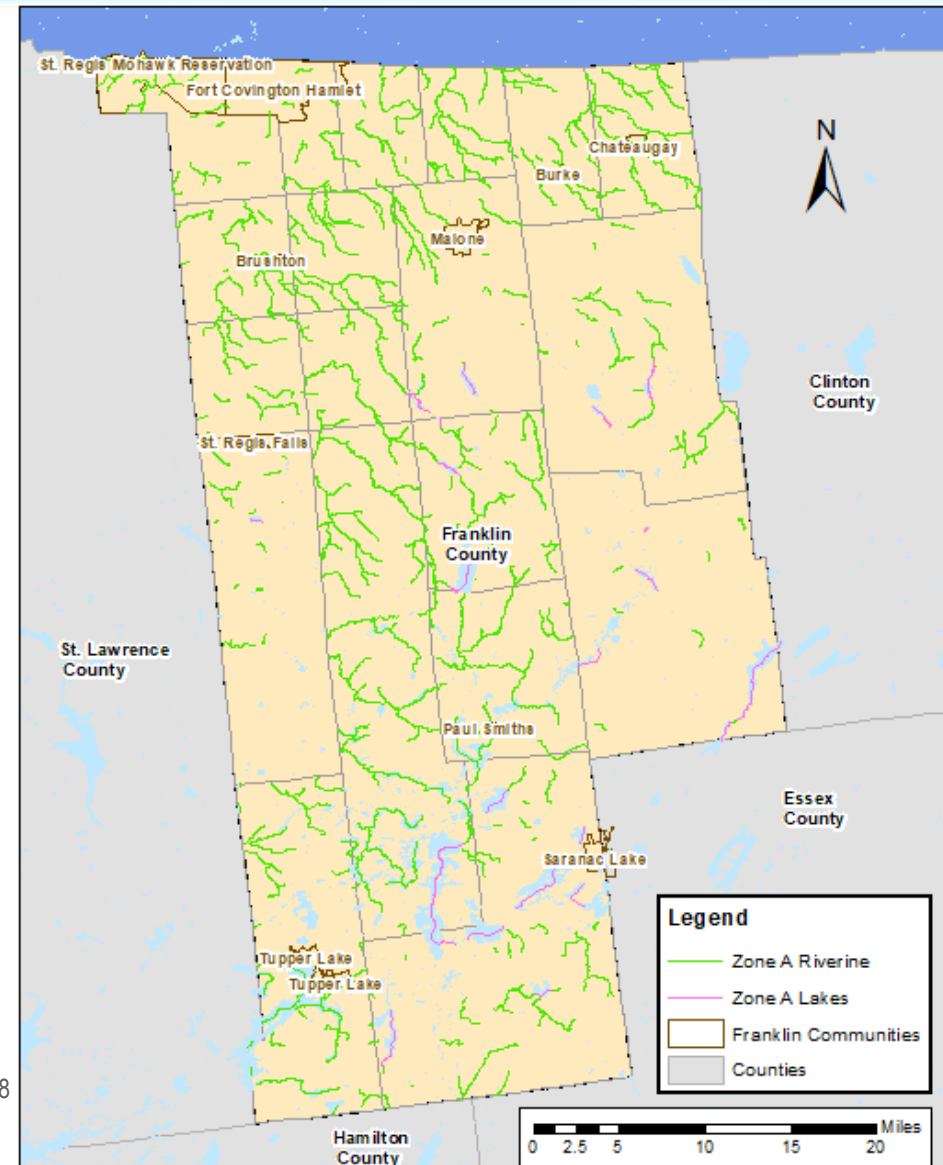




# Engineering Methods - Approximate Studies

## ► Approximate Streams – 1393.3 miles

- Hydrologic Method
  - Gage Analysis
  - USGS Regression Equations
  - Volumetric Calculations
- Hydraulic Method
  - 1D Steady State Hydraulic Model
  - Lake Volumetric Calculations assuming no outflows



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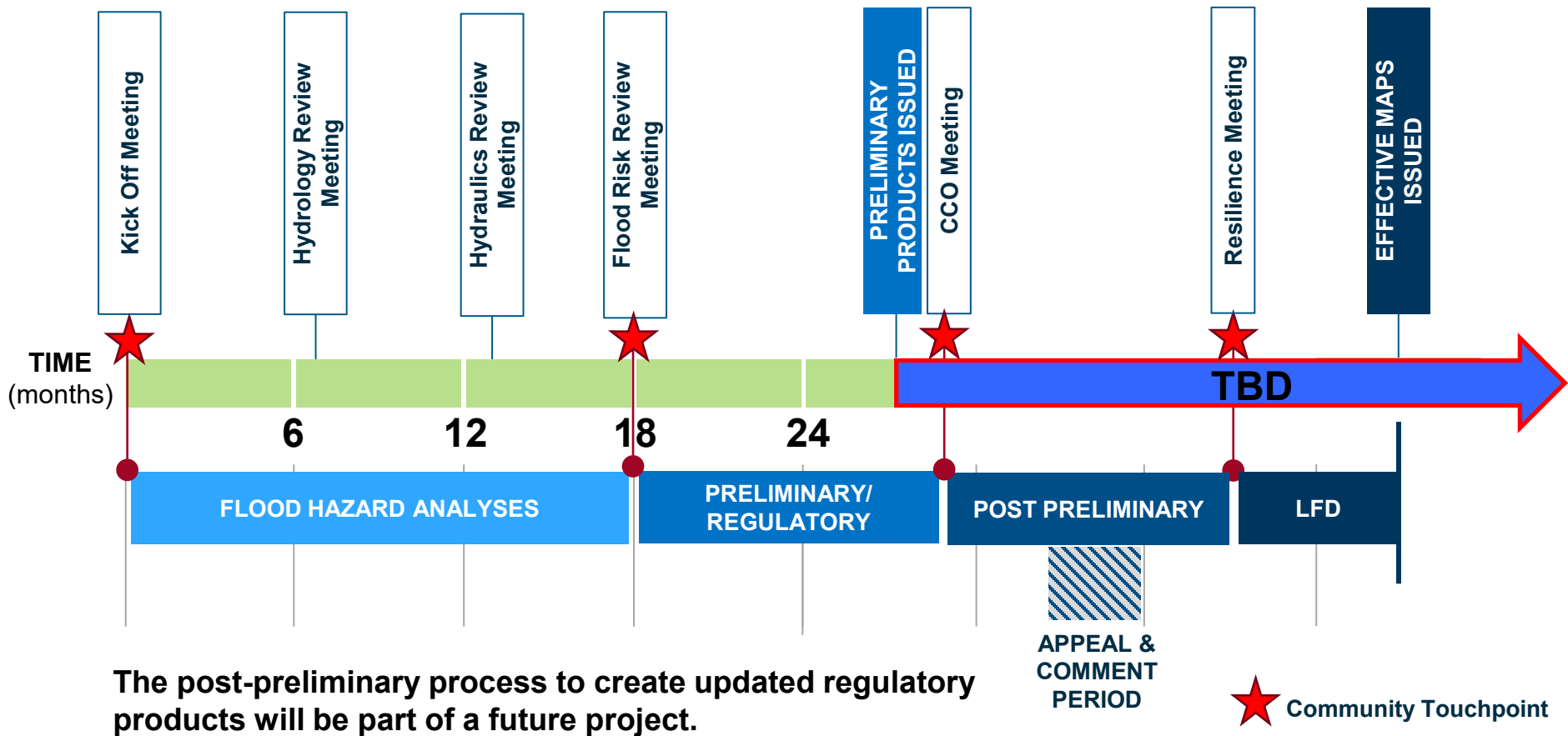
# Where are we now and what is next?

## Discuss next steps



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# Overall Flood Risk Project Timeline



# Major Study Milestones

## ► **Data Development (June 2022)**

- Terrain processing
- Engineering Methods Concurrence (620 letters)
- Field reconnaissance and survey
- Hydrologic modeling
- Hydraulic modeling
- Floodplain mapping (workmaps)

## ► **Flood Risk Review Meeting (October 2022)**

- Review work map products with communities

## ► **Preliminary Products Update (FIRM & FIS)**

- Preliminary Maps Issued (April 2023)



# **What will communities receive?**

## **Preliminary and Planning Products**



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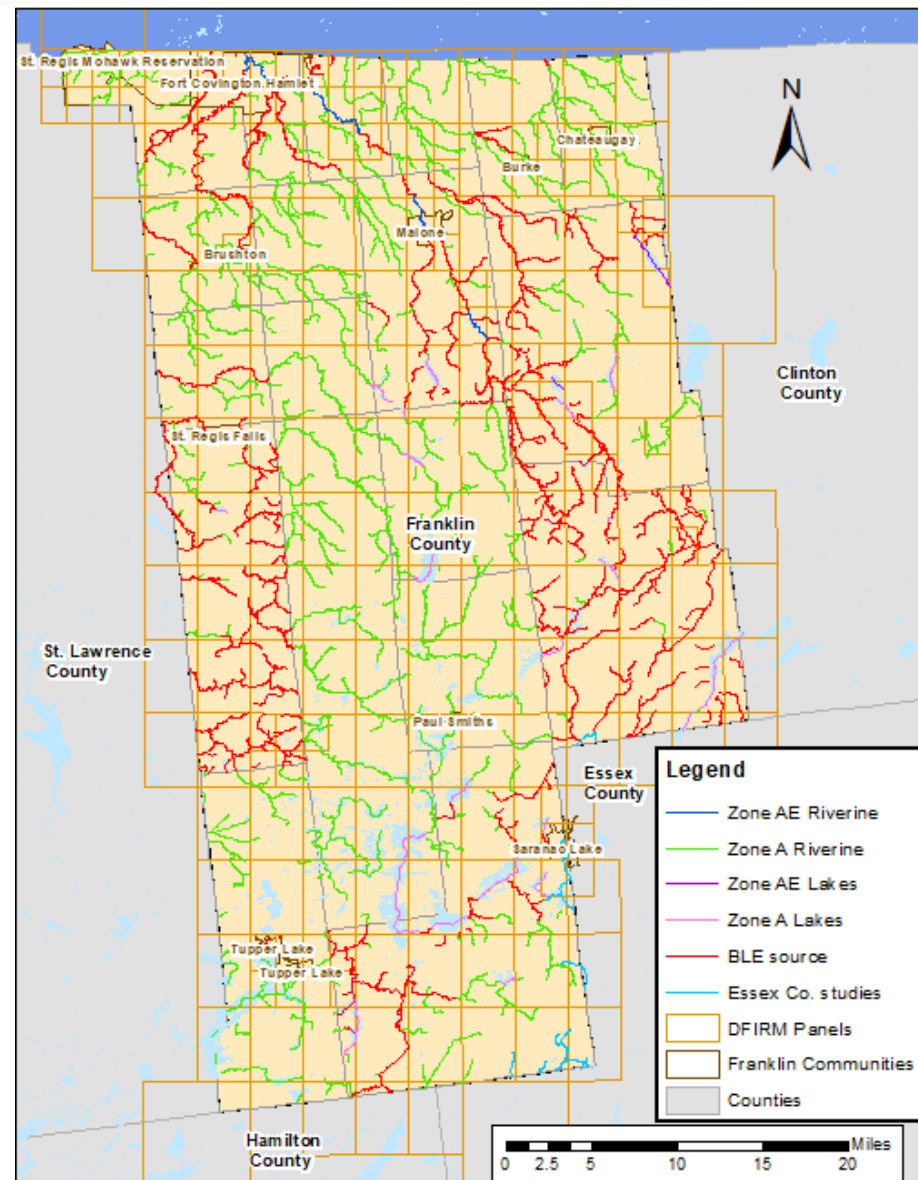


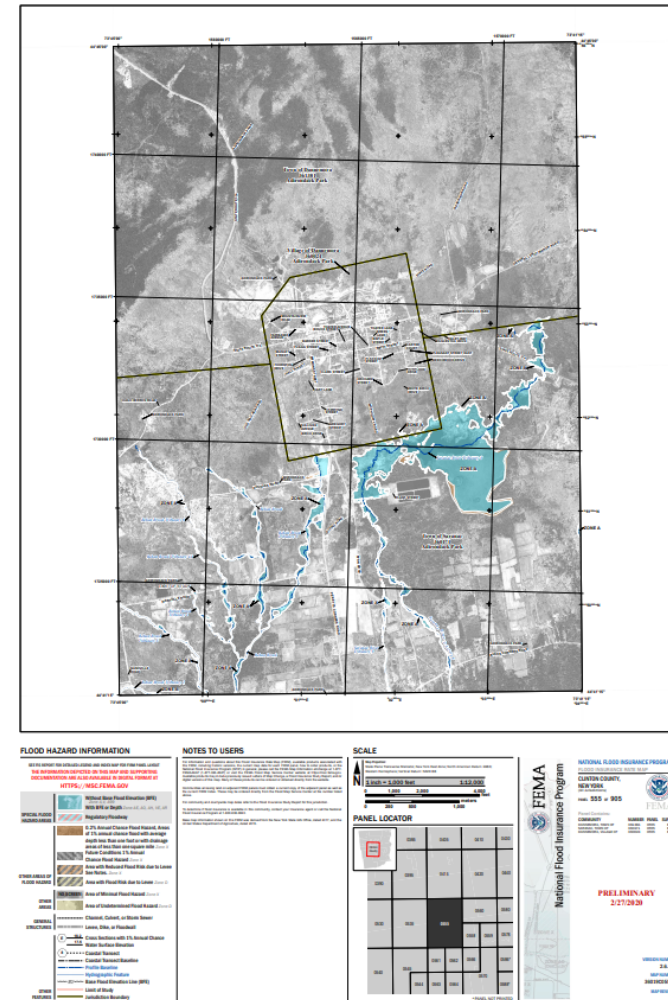
# Work Maps

- ▶ **Draft floodplain mapping shared using work maps**
- ▶ **Flood Risk Review meeting provides a review of the new engineering analysis results, allowing communities to:**
  - Identify potential updates for Hazard Mitigation Plans
  - Provide insight and input on hydrology and hydraulic results in updated study area
  - Seek local buy-in and review possible use of analysis
  - Identify areas of large changes and potential opportunities for risk reduction
  - Identify risk communications needs and options

# Preliminary Mapping Products

- ▶ Preliminary product development commences after work map comment period
- ▶ Seamless countywide mapping produced
  - Incorporates North Country BLE mapping
- ▶ Preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) Database
- ▶ 233 Preliminary FIRM Panels
- ▶ Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report





# Knowing the Risk

**Communities that develop a sound understanding of flood risk will be more empowered to...**

- ▶ Effectively plan use of resources for natural hazards and potential disasters;
- ▶ Implement effective hazard mitigation projects;
- ▶ Effectively regulate current and future development without increasing risk; and/or
- ▶ Effectively communicate about natural hazards to its residents about personal and community mitigation projects that can reduce long-term risk.



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# Questions? Comments?



**Thank you!**



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