



# Community Guide to Navigating the Risk MAP Process

## CHECKLIST OF COMMUNITY ACTIONS FOR EACH PHASE



### WHAT TO EXPECT AT DISCOVERY

- The Utah Risk MAP team will gather information about your community. They will meet with you to find out what hazard risk data you need and what natural hazards (wildfires, floods, earthquakes) you are most concerned about.
- They will go over the BLE mapping conducted and discuss other existing flood risk information.
- After the meeting, they will prepare a report and identify ways they can help your community such as: producing new (or updated) floodplain maps or providing outreach materials and trainings.

### WHAT THE COMMUNITY WILL RECEIVE

- Requests for your community's information, including but not limited to:
  - Local mapping capabilities, staff resources (engineers, GIS staff, etc.), and list of stakeholders
  - Existing natural hazard risk information (e.g., flood, wildfire, landslide data), such as ground survey, GIS layers, critical facilities, building footprints, local flood mapping studies/models, levee and bridge information
  - Current community hazard mitigation plans (damage prevention plans)
  - List of community contacts for follow-up questions about the community's information
- Invitation(s) to meet with them to discuss what the Risk MAP program can offer your community, and your community's natural hazard concerns and data needs
- BLE Mapping information that will show an initial assessment of flood hazard risk for your community
- Discovery report after the meeting, summarizing the research, discussions/meetings that took place, and identifying actions Utah Risk MAP team can take to assist your community, such as: producing new (or updated) floodplain maps or providing outreach materials and trainings.

### WHAT THE COMMUNITY OFFICIALS NEED TO DO

- Provide the Utah Risk MAP team with the requested data and community contact information
- Identify areas where there may be errors on the existing maps, such as:
  - Locations where the current maps don't match past flood events,
  - Areas with significant manmade changes after the current maps were finalized, or
  - Places that are unmapped currently but are known to get wet from flood waters, etc.
- Review the BLE mapping data and check the following:
  - How do the BLE maps compare to current FEMA mapping, and any local studies? Are there any surprises in the BLE maps (areas that do not match your local knowledge or data?)
  - Identify areas of concern that your community would like studied in detail in the future
- Identify additional stakeholders that may be impacted by the new BLE maps
  - Federal agencies, Regional/State partners, or the public
- Review the draft Discovery report to verify your current hazards, data needs, and requests are captured