



# Community Guide to Navigating the Risk MAP Process

## CHECKLIST OF COMMUNITY ACTIONS FOR EACH PHASE



### WHAT TO EXPECT AT FLOOD RISK REVIEW

- The Utah Risk MAP team will organize a discussion with your community staff and leadership to discuss draft results of your community’s floodplain mapping information. They’ll review the draft maps and flood risk products and allow you time to provide comments.
- This will be your opportunity to ensure your community understands how the flood maps are changing, and what is causing the flooding in any areas that will be newly mapped into the floodplain, especially areas that are regulated by your local flood ordinance (Special Flood Hazard Area, or SFHA).

### WHAT THE COMMUNITY WILL RECEIVE

- Draft maps show initial changes to your floodplain mapping information. These typically come as digital files containing (geospatial) mapping information. Other flood risk products may be included, depending on the scope of the floodplain mapping update project.

### WHAT THE COMMUNITY OFFICIALS NEED TO DO

- Review the draft floodplain mapping information and other flood risk products and check:
  - The areas that have updated mapping are accurate,
  - The draft mapping against any recent flood studies or information showing flood risk for your community, and
  - Whether the flood risk for residents or properties is changing and how many structures will be affected (added or removed from the floodplain).
- If your community has access to qualified engineering support, request that they:
  - Compare the mapped floodplain and flood zones (including floodway) to the engineering hydraulic models provided by the Utah Risk MAP team,
  - Verify that newly mapped areas connect (or “tie-in”) to previously mapped areas that were not modified by this effort, and
  - Ensure that detailed mapping information (flood water elevations, or BFEs) is shown where expected, and that BFE numbers match the hydraulic model information.
- Talk to FEMA about the next steps in the process, particularly the community’s upcoming responsibility for ordinance updates, public outreach, and the comment and appeal period
- Identify additional stakeholders that may need specialized outreach
- Provide any other comments or questions about the draft maps and supporting information

***Important note:*** After the comments received from your community during this phase are resolved, the mapping products will be released as Preliminary versions in the Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) phase. At that point, any further changes must be made through an Appeal. It is very important that your community does a thorough review during the Flood Risk Review (FRR) phase and provides feedback for all issues identified now, as they are much easier to resolve at this phase.