



# Community Guide to Navigating the Risk MAP Process

## CHECKLIST OF COMMUNITY ACTIONS FOR EACH PHASE



### WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE RESILIENCE MEETING

- The Utah Risk MAP Team will organize a discussion with your community leadership and staff to review the draft floodplain mapping and flood risk product information.
- They will discuss tools to help the community conduct public outreach around the new maps and how to use the flood risk datasets. They will also suggest resources available through partner agencies (local, regional, state, and federal) that may assist with planning efforts and mitigation actions.

### WHAT THE COMMUNITY WILL RECEIVE

- Official copies of the draft floodplain maps
- Draft non-regulatory flood risk products such as Changes Since Last Firm, Areas of Mitigation Interest, depth grids, and other products
- Digital (geospatial) mapping data

### WHAT THE COMMUNITY OFFICIALS NEED TO DO

- Review the draft floodplain mapping and the other flood risk data sets provided
- Have staff or stakeholders available to discuss local planning processes and mitigation challenges and successes in light of areas of newly defined risks:
  - Consider unique areas in your community, such as: cultural or historically significant areas, critical habitats, or other areas of mitigation interest (the goal of mitigation is to prevent damages through actions taken before a disaster occurs)
  - Consider planned areas of growth or redevelopment within your community
  - Identify how this new flood risk information (flood risk products) can improve your community's mitigation plans (e.g., stormwater, land use, multi-hazard risk plans, and comprehensive plans) and actions
  - Consider how your community can incorporate these tools into specific flood hazard risk reduction activities (i.e., elevating homes that have flood risk, re-sizing culverts or bridges to reduce flooding, etc.)
  - Consider how you will use these tools in communicating hazard risk to the public
- Talk to FEMA about the next steps in the process. Make sure you understand your community's responsibilities during the next phase (CCO phase) with regard to 1) adopting or amending floodplain management regulations to reference the date and title of the new FIRM and FIS report, 2) public outreach, and 3) the comment and appeal period process.
- Request mitigation planning technical assistance, as needed – if a community would like to further explore mitigation specific projects based on the results of the study, support from Utah DEM and FEMA may be available to assist.
- Relate any existing questions or feedback about the draft maps and supporting information