



FEMA

NY and NJ Coastal Flood Insurance Study Update

County Webinars: December 14th – 18th, 2015

Agenda and Objectives

- Coastal Flood Study Milestones
- Comments and Appeals
- New York City Technical Appeal Update
- Coastal Flood Study – Next Steps
- Questions

Study Milestones to Date

- Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) Released
 - Available at local map repository or online at: <http://www.region2coastal.com>
 - <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>
- Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) Meetings
- Public Open House Meetings
- Appeal Period



Comments and Appeals

- FEMA reviews appeals and comments submitted by community officials and the public during the 90-day appeal period to determine any changes warranted to the Preliminary FIRMs.
- An online appeals tracker was set up at www.region2coastal.com
- All feedback submitted during the 90-day appeal period must be resolved before the Preliminary FIRMs can move to the next phase.



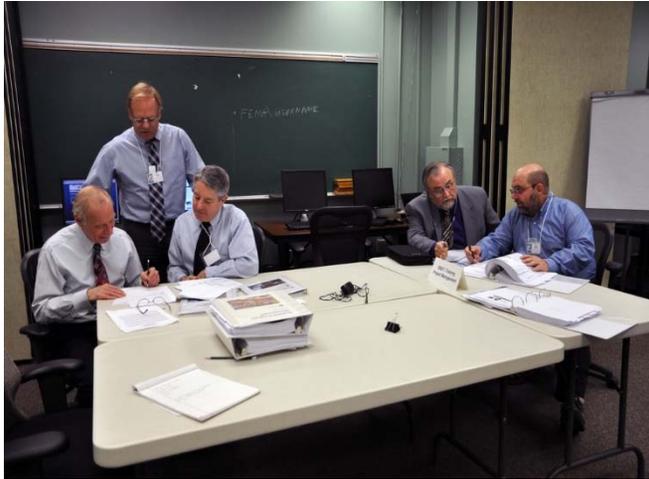
Comment and Appeal Period

- Statutory 90-day appeal period held for all NJ and NY coastal communities starting in March/April 2015 → June/July 2015
- **Comments** are any input and/or feedback on the Preliminary FIRMs that do not relate to new or modified Base Flood Elevations (BFEs), base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundaries or flood insurance risk zone designations.
- Comments include, but are not limited to:
 - Changes in the floodplain that should have been submitted to FEMA under Section 65.3 of the National Flood Insurance Program regulations
 - Corporate limit revisions
 - Road name errors and revisions
 - Changes effected by a Letter of Map Change

Appeals

- **Appeals** are challenges to the Preliminary FIRMs that relate to new or modified BFEs, base flood depths, SFHA boundaries, or flood insurance risk zone designations and that are believed to be scientifically or technically incorrect.
- Appeals may result in revisions to the Preliminary FIRMs.

County Specific Comment/Appeal Status

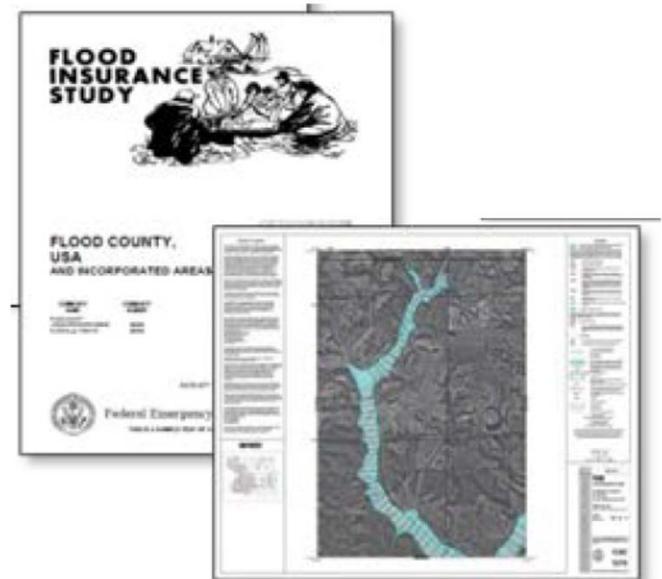


New York City Appeal

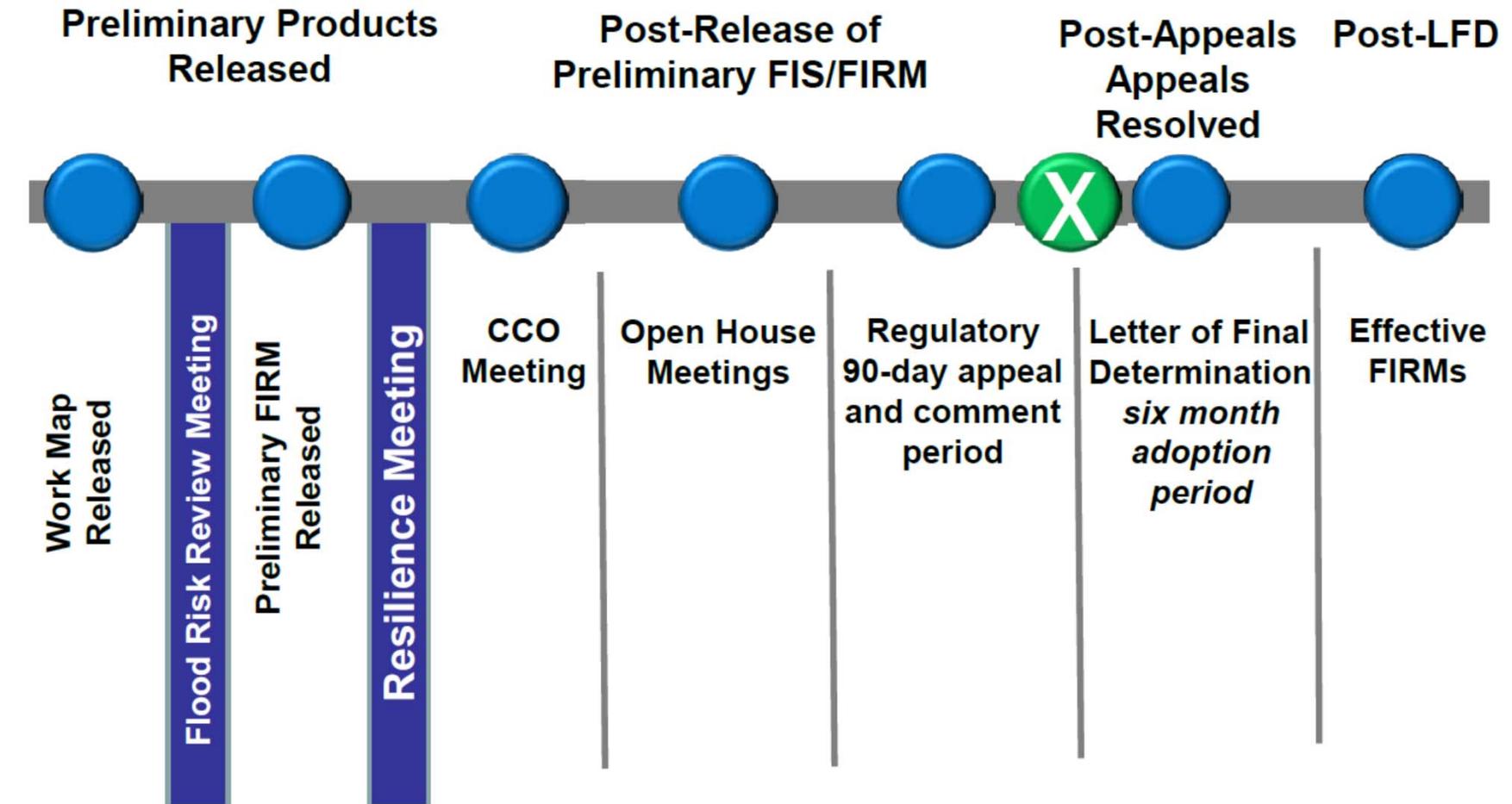
- New York City submitted a technical appeal of the Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) on June 26, 2015, based on alternative storm surge modeling approach.
- After several discussions and correspondence, a resolution has not yet been reached.
- FEMA convened an Independent Review Panel of subject matter experts to provide a neutral, independent third-party review and findings.
 - While this review is ongoing, the FIS updates for Atlantic coastal NJ and Westchester Co will be on hold.
 - If the resolution of the NYC appeal results in the need for further revisions of Atlantic coastal FIRMs, no additional actions will be required by affected communities.

Coastal Flood Study - Next Steps

- After all appeals have been resolved, FEMA will issue Revised Preliminary FISs and FIRMs.
- Following the Revised Preliminary issuance, a **Letter of Final Determination (LFD)** will be sent to community officials to start a **6-month period** during which affected communities must adopt the new FIRMs.
- The FIRMs will then become effective and serve as the basis for flood insurance rates and purchase requirements, and local building regulations.
- Before FIRM effective date, communities must adopt FIRM(s) and FIS into their local laws.



Coastal Flood Study Timeline



Coastal Flood Study - Next Steps

- Revalidation letters will be sent to community officials and are effective the day after the new FIRM.
- The letter will list all existing Letters of Map Change (LOMCs) for properties in a community that are confirmed to still be located outside the SFHAs on the new FIRM.
- Many LOMCs are not typically reflected in the new FEMA maps due to scale constraints.

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Questions

