

Research indicates that nearly two-thirds of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) flood insurance rate maps are more than ten years old. Because of this, FEMA has launched a five year national Map Modernization Plan, an effort to redraw the maps that predict where major floods are likely to occur. The updated maps of flood prone areas will support sound floodplain management and prudent flood insurance decisions, such as determining who needs flood insurance, calculating flood insurance rates, and ensuring that new development will be safe from flooding. The overall plan includes an update to the nation's approximately 100,000-panel flood map inventory and an enhancement of products, services, and processes. Please visit the FEMA website and Map Modernization Plan for more information - http://www.fema.gov/fhm/mm_main.shtm

The chart below outlines the map modernization process:



FEMA

Map Modernization in your Community

Assess a Community's Mapping Needs

Meet with communities to assess need and provide an opportunity for involvement



Develop a Preliminary Map

Produce a Preliminary Countywide Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM)



Conduct a Flood Risk Information Open House

Give local officials and the community an opportunity to view



Publish the New Base Flood Elevation (BFE)

In the community's local media outlet for public review



90 Day Appeal Period

Offer the community an opportunity to formally dispute any changes to the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) and/or any additional map revisions



Letter of Final Determination

To be mailed at the conclusion of the appeal period. DFIRM is effective 6 months from the date of the letter



Local Ordinance Adoption

Community to adopt or revise their ordinances to reflect the new BFE and DFIRM - Final adoption to occur prior to the DFIRM effective date in order to ensure compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

*Reminder Letter To Be Mailed 90 Days Prior to Effective Date
To be mailed if FEMA has not received and approved a community's new or revised local ordinance*



*Reminder Letter To Be Mailed 30 Days Prior to Effective Date
To be mailed if FEMA has not received and approved a community's new or revised local ordinance - this letter also reviews the program requirements necessary to remain in compliance*

'DFIRM Effective'

Comments regarding changes to the flood map will be accepted by FEMA for 90 days after the last public notice of July 15, 2010. Affected property owners may appeal these changes by notifying the Village of Baltimore within this time period. Appeals should be sent to Village Administrator, Village of Baltimore, 103 West Market Street, Baltimore OH 43105.