



# FEMA

## Cumberland County Residents and Business Owners Invited to Appeal or Comment on Flood Maps *The 90-day Appeal Process Begins Around Tuesday, Feb. 6*

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**Philadelphia, PA** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing updates to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Cumberland County municipalities and is inviting community stakeholders to participate in a 90-day appeal and comment period.

The updated maps were produced in coordination with local, community, state, and FEMA officials, and have had significant community review. Before the maps become final, community stakeholders can identify any concerns or questions about the information provided and submit appeals or comments.

The 90-day appeal period will begin on or around Thursday, Feb. 6. Residents and business owners are encouraged to review the updated maps to learn about local flood risks and potential future flood insurance requirements.

Residents may submit an appeal if they perceive that modeling or data used to create the map is technically or scientifically incorrect.

- An appeal must include technical information, such as hydraulic or hydrologic data, to support the claim.
- Appeals cannot be based on the effects of proposed projects or projects started after the study is in progress.
- If property owners see incorrect information that does not change the flood hazard information—such as a missing or misspelled road name in the Special Flood Hazard Area or an incorrect corporate boundary—they can submit a written comment.

The next step in the mapping process is the resolution of all comments and appeals. Once they are resolved, FEMA will notify communities of the effective date of the final maps.

Submit appeals and comments by contacting your local floodplain administrator. The preliminary maps may be viewed online at the FEMA Flood Map Changes Viewer:

<https://msc.fema.gov/fmfv>.

Changes from the current maps may be viewed online at the FEMA Region III Changes Since Last FIRM Viewer:

<https://arcg.is/SzWii>

### FLOOD MAPPING MILESTONES

**December 5, 2016** – Flood Risk Review Meeting to review draft flood hazard data

**May 14, 2019** – Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map released

**June 26, 2019** – Community Coordination and Outreach Meeting to review Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map, and discuss updates to local floodplain management ordinance and flood insurance

**On or Around Feb. 6, 2020** – Appeal Period begins

**March 2021\*** – New Flood Insurance Rate Map becomes effective and flood insurance requirements take effect

*\*Timeline subject to change pending completion of the appeal review process*

For more information about the flood maps:

- Use a live chat service about flood maps at <http://go.usa.gov/r6C> (just click on the “Live Chat” icon)
- Contact a FEMA Map Specialist toll free, at 1-877-336-2627 or email [FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com](mailto:FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com).

Most homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover flood. There are cost saving options available for those newly mapped into a high-risk flood zone. Learn more about your flood insurance options by talking with your insurance agent, visiting <https://www.floodsmart.gov>, or calling 1-877-336-2627.

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