

Risk MAP Mapping, Assessment & Planning

Arkansas Partnership Meeting

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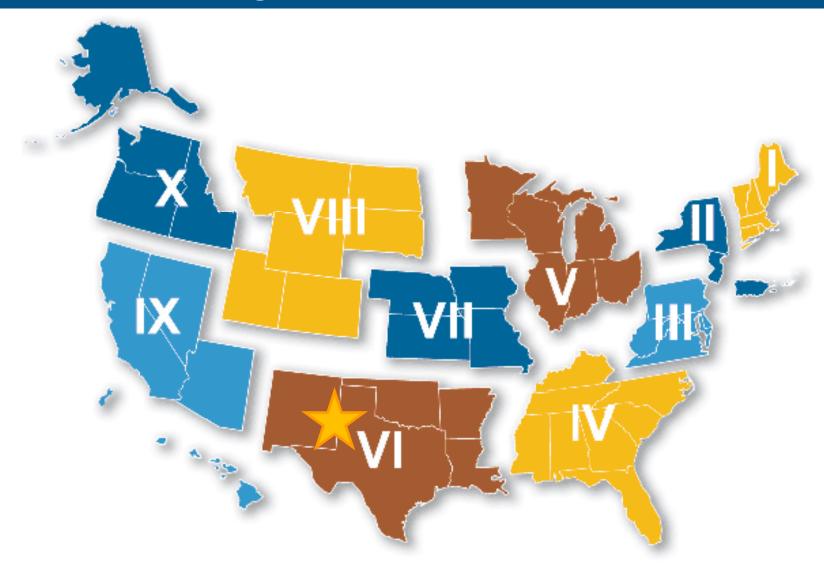
FEMA's Mission

.... to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a Nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.





FEMA Region 6







National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

Program requirements are intended to:

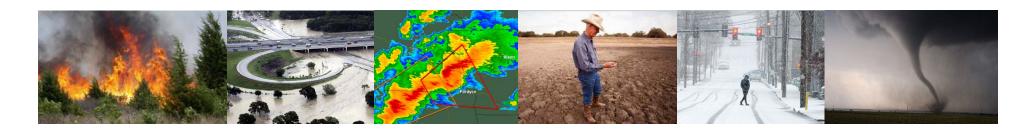
- Prevent loss of life and property
- Reduce taxpayer costs for disaster relief
- Minimize economic and social hardships that result from flood events
- Program is administered at the local level
- Support is available for communities through the State NFIP Coordinator and FEMA staff





Our Goal

- Actively participating communities who
 - Assess and understand their natural hazard risk
 - Utilize tools, services and products to make informed decisions
 - Actively update their hazard mitigation plans
 - Actively engage with our agency to implement projects to reduce natural hazard risk
 - Inform and educate their residents and business owners of natural hazard risk

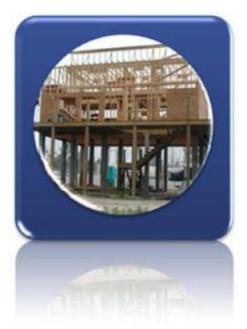


Risk MAP: The Vision

Through collaboration with State, Local, and Tribal entities, Risk MAP will deliver <u>quality data</u> that increases <u>public awareness</u> and leads to <u>action that reduces risk</u> to life and property.











Risk MAP

- Risk MAP is a fundamental change in the way that FEMA conducts its mapping process
- An integrated approach to assist communities in mitigation activities and projects to reduce their risk
- Region 6 is interested in creating a collaborative and community/project centric approach that fosters partnership & local buy-in and acceptance





Risk MAP Metrics



Quality Data Collection *Are our products precise and accurate?*



Public Awareness of Natural Hazard Risk Are we consistent in our message?



Mitigation Planning & Informed Decision Making Are our communities aware of their risk?



Action to Reduce Risk

Are we working to continue reduction of risk?





Risk MAP Metrics





Community Engagement

Partnerships are essential....

 We need the support of our Federal, State and Regional partners for successful distribution

Education is the key....

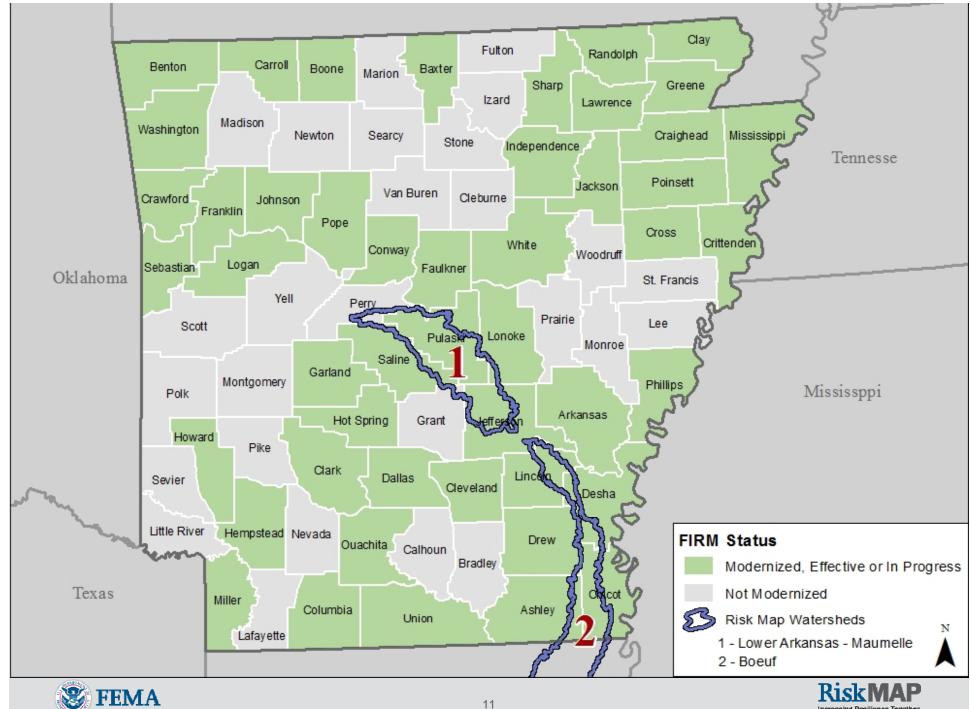
- Majority of stakeholders will make the right decision if they are a part of the process
- Survey results indicate communities and residents are unsure of what to do in order to reduce their natural hazard risk

Risk Communication...

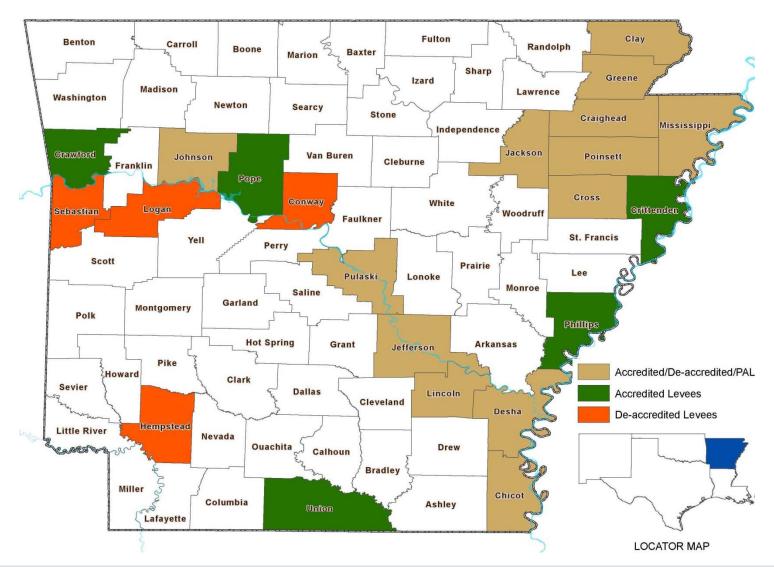
- Consistent messaging to all communities
- Lowest cost, broadest audience if in all communications from all branches







Levee Status in Arkansas





Levee Status

COUNTY	ACCREDIT ED or PAL	NON- ACCREDITE D
Chicot	1	2
Conway	0	8
Craighead	1	1
Crawford	2	0
Crittenden	1	0
Cross	1	1
Desha	4	0
Greene	1	1
Hempstead	0	1
Independenc e	1	0
Jackson	1	2

COUNTY	ACCREDIT ED or PAL	NON- ACCREDITE D
Jefferson	5	2
Johnson	1	1
Lincoln	1	0
Logan	2	0
Mississippi	1	4
Phillips	5	0
Poinsett	4	0
Pope	1	0
Pulaski	2	8
Sebastian	0	1
Union	1	0

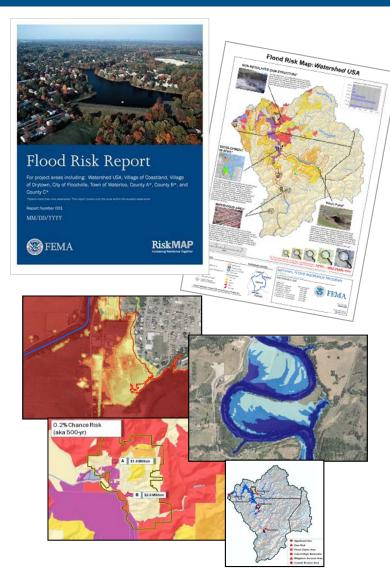






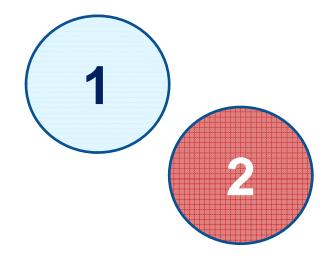
Our Products



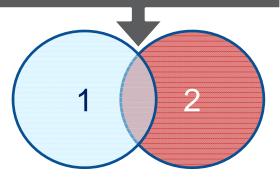




How you can help....



Commonalities are the "sweet spot"



- We would like to share data with other agencies and departments/disciplines within the state
 - Topographic Data
 - Hydrologic and Hydraulic studies
 - Proposed projects
 - Planning projects
 - Post-Disaster projects
- Many Disciplines....Shared Data?





Questions?



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