



FEMA

# Discovery Meeting

## Cordova Coastal Area, Alaska

**USFS Court Room, Cordova**  
**Friday, February 25, 2011**

**RiskMAP**

Increasing Resilience Together



# Introductions



# Meeting Objectives

- **Provide an overview of Risk MAP and Discovery**
- **Present known and best available data**
- **Discuss local flood risk and management**
- **Discuss the responsibility for communicating about risk to the public**
- **Discuss mitigation planning and projects**
- **Identify the most high-risk areas in the watershed**

# Overview: Risk MAP



- Five year effort to modernize maps
- Result: digital flood data and digital maps for 92% of population
- Improved flood data quality
- Limited up-front coordination
- Scoping not mandatory
- Appendix I includes 200 pages of tables and templates

## RiskMAP

Increasing Resilience Together

- Collaborative approach
- Goals: quality data, public awareness, action that reduces risk
- Watershed-oriented
- Focus on up-front coordination
- Discovery is mandatory
- Appendix I includes no templates and is currently draft

# The Vision for Risk MAP

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



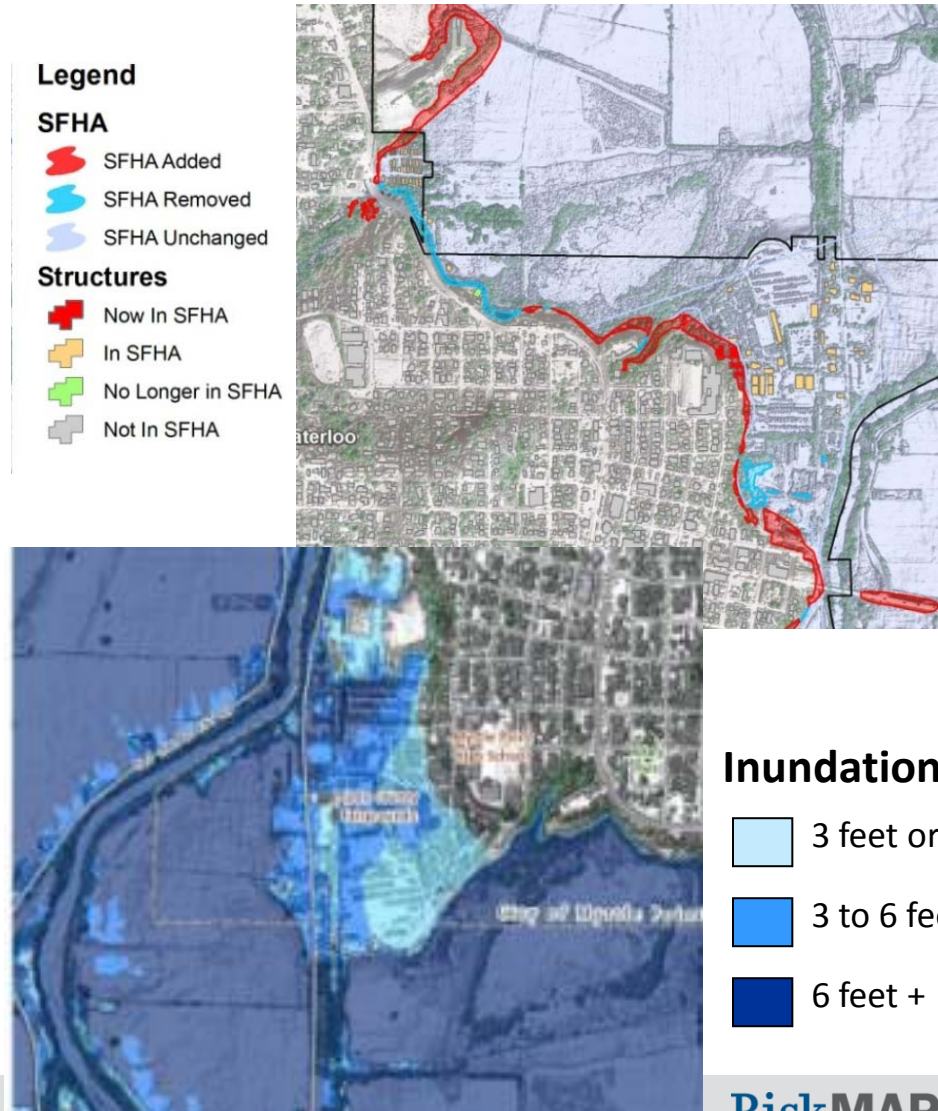
# Risk MAP Products

## Changes Since Last Map

- Improved outreach
- Increase transparency and trust

## Multi-Frequency Depth & Water-Surface Elevation (WSE) Grids

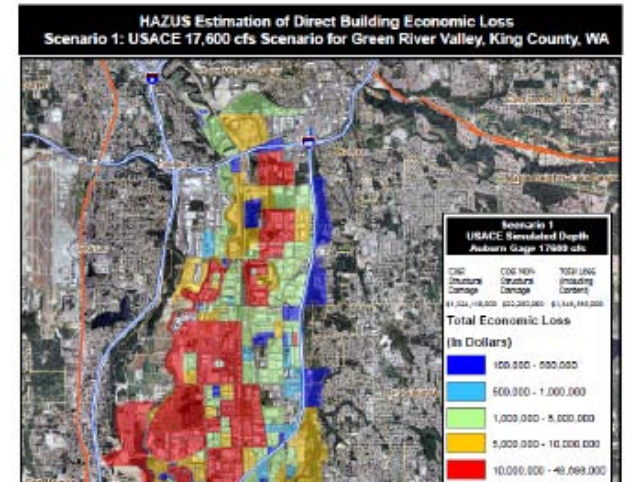
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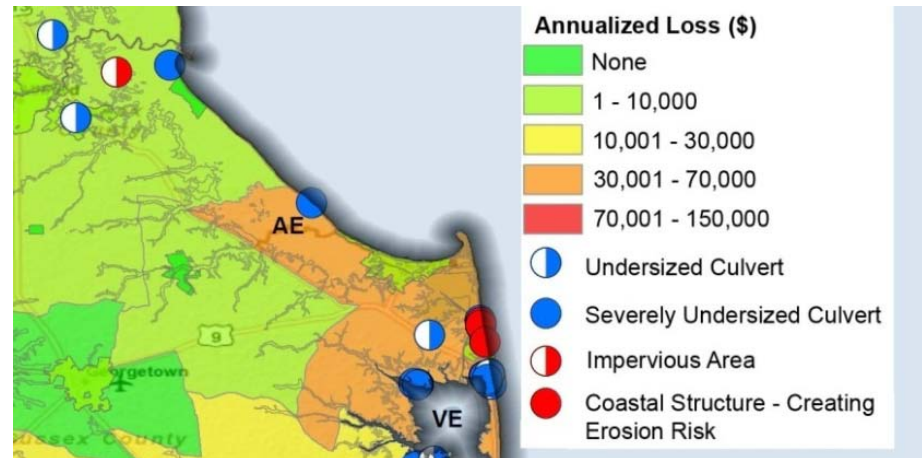
## HAZUS Risk Assessment & National Flood Risk Layer

Enables communities to understand risk by reference to existing structure loss



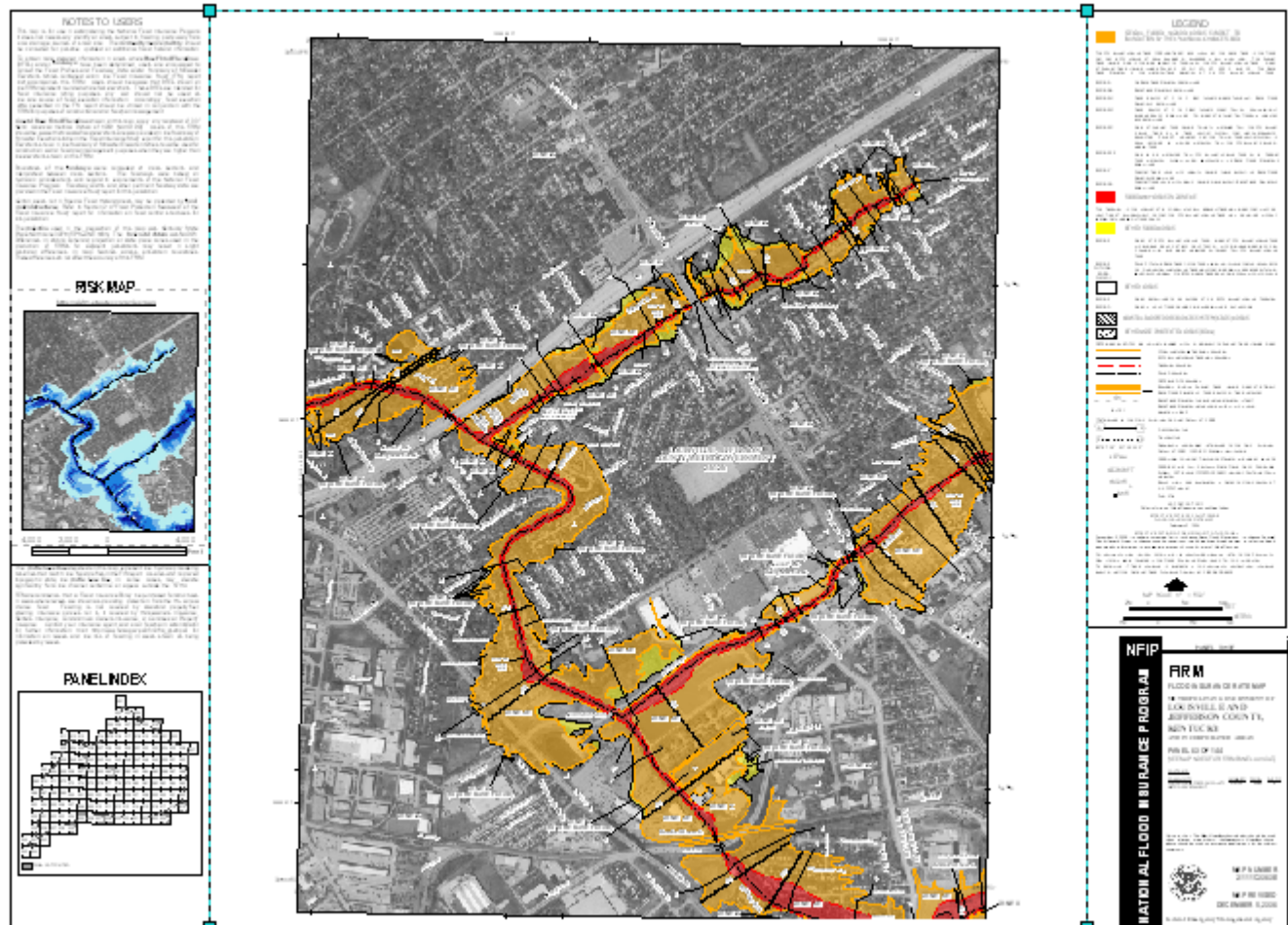
## Contributing Flood Hazard Factors

Highlights areas of concern identified throughout project



# Risk MAP DFIRM/FIS

FIS Reports and DFIRM Maps will continue to fulfill regulatory requirements and support the NFIP





# Discovery

***Discovery is the process of data mining, collection, and analysis with the goal of initiating a flood risk or mitigation project and risk discussions with the watershed***

## **When:**

- After an area/watershed has been prioritized
- Before a Risk MAP project is scoped or funded

## **Required for new and updated...**

- Flood studies
- Flood risk assessments
- Mitigation planning technical assistance projects

## **Why:**

- Increases visibility of flood risk information, education, involvement
- Helps inform whether a Risk MAP project will occur in the watershed



# Discovery Discussions

- **View collected spatial data across watershed**
- **Discuss Areas of Concern: Identify Risk MAP Needs**
  - Need new flood study data?
  - Need support with mitigation planning?
  - Need mitigation projects?
  - Need training on floodplain management?
  - Need support developing a flood risk outreach program?
  - What else can FEMA do to help your community become flood resilient?
- **Next step: FEMA to identify Risk MAP Projects**