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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2021-0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-2160]

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Comments are requested on proposed flood hazard determinations, which may include additions or modifications of any Base Flood Elevation (BFE), base flood depth, Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary or zone designation, or regulatory floodway on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), and where applicable, in the supporting Flood Insurance Study (FIS) reports for the communities listed in the table below. The purpose of this notice is to seek general information and comment regarding the preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided to the affected communities. The FIRM and FIS report are the basis of the floodplain management measures that the community is required either to adopt or to show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition, the FIRM and FIS report, once effective, will be used by insurance agents and others to calculate appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and the contents of those buildings.

DATES: Comments are to be submitted on or before November 26, 2021.

ADDRESSES: The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, the FIS report for each community are available for

inspection at both the online location <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload> and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables below. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. FEMA-B-2160, to Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or (email) patrick.sacbibit@fema.dhs.gov; or visit the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) online at https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/fmx_main.html.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA proposes to make flood hazard determinations for each community listed below, in accordance with section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These proposed flood hazard determinations, together with the floodplain management criteria required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean that the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements of its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These flood hazard determinations are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

The communities affected by the flood hazard determinations are provided in the tables below. Any request for reconsideration of the revised flood hazard information shown on the Preliminary FIRM and FIS report that satisfies the data requirements outlined in 44 CFR 67.6(b) is considered an appeal. Comments unrelated to the flood hazard determinations also will be considered before the FIRM and FIS report become effective.

Use of a Scientific Resolution Panel (SRP) is available to communities in support of the appeal resolution process. SRPs are independent panels of experts in hydrology, hydraulics, and other pertinent sciences established to review conflicting scientific and technical data and provide recommendations for resolution. Use of the SRP only may be exercised after FEMA and local communities have been engaged in a collaborative consultation process for at least 60 days without a mutually acceptable resolution of an appeal. Additional information regarding the SRP process can be found online at https://www.floodsrp.org/pdfs/srp_overview.pdf.

The watersheds and/or communities affected are listed in the tables below. The Preliminary FIRM, and where applicable, FIS report for each community are available for inspection at both the online location <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload> and the respective Community Map Repository address listed in the tables. For communities with multiple ongoing Preliminary studies, the studies can be identified by the unique project number and Preliminary FIRM date listed in the tables. Additionally, the current effective FIRM and FIS report for each community are accessible online through the FEMA Map Service Center at <https://msc.fema.gov> for comparison. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance No. 97.022, "Flood Insurance.")

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Community	Community map repository address
<p>City of Colonial Heights, Virginia (Independent City) Project: 16-03-2426S Preliminary Date: February 12, 2021</p>	
City of Colonial Heights	Department of Planning and Community Development, 201 James Avenue, Colonial Heights, VA 23834.

Community	Community map repository address
Prince George County, Virginia (All Jurisdictions) Project: 16-03-2426S Preliminary Date: February 26, 2021	
Unincorporated Areas of Prince George County	Prince George County Planning and Zoning Office, 6602 Courts Drive, 1st Floor, Prince George, VA 23875.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2021-0021]

Notice of Public Meeting on the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Announcement of open public meetings.

SUMMARY: FEMA will hold three public meetings remotely via web conference to solicit public feedback about the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) program. FEMA is issuing this public meeting notice to inform the public that it is seeking input on the NFIP's CRS program for the agency to consider ways to modify, streamline, and/or innovate to improve the program. These efforts aim to help FEMA ensure that the CRS program includes necessary, properly tailored, and up-to-date requirements that effectively achieve the goals of (1) reducing and avoiding flood damage to insurable property, (2) strengthening and supporting the insurance aspects of the NFIP, and (3) encouraging a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

DATES: Written comments in response to these public meetings may be submitted until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) on September 22, 2021. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

FEMA will hold meetings on:
Tuesday, September 7, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. ET;
Wednesday, September 8, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. ET; and
Thursday, September 9, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. ET.

Depending on the number of speakers, the meetings may end before the time indicated, following the last call for comments.

ADDRESSES: The public meetings will be held via web conference. Members of the public may register to attend the meetings online at the following link: https://cgstrategy.zoom.us/webinar/register/6716294728533/WN_BTf89PgaQhOZL-TonhxNog.

Reasonable accommodations are available for people with disabilities. To request a reasonable accommodation, contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below as soon as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to fulfill. Written comments related to these public meetings must be submitted through the *Federal eRulemaking Portal* at <http://www.regulations.gov/>. Search for FEMA-2021-0021 and follow the instructions for submitting comments. All written comments received, including any personal information provided, may be posted without alteration at <https://www.regulations.gov>. All comments on the request for information made during the meetings will be posted to <https://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID FEMA-2021-0021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel Sears, Supervisory Emergency Management Specialist, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, *FEMA-CRS-Next* at fema.dhs.gov, 202-212-3800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NFIP's CRS program is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management practices that exceed the minimum requirements of the NFIP for floodplain management. As FEMA undertakes a series of initiatives that will transform the NFIP, the agency is evaluating the CRS program and its potential to support FEMA, State, local, Tribal, and territorial community goals and needs.

FEMA is committed to obtaining public input to drive and focus FEMA's review of the CRS program. Because Federal regulations and policies have broad impacts on society in general, members of the public are likely to have useful information, data, and perspectives on the benefits and burdens of FEMA's existing programs,

regulations, information collections, and policies. Accordingly, FEMA is seeking specific public feedback to facilitate the CRS program review and improvement effort in the context of equity for all, include those in underserved communities. With the increasing risk of flooding and flood damage, in part because of climate change, it is essential that FEMA reevaluate programs to reduce unnecessary barriers to participation and effectiveness, to serve all communities, to increase equity, and to promote preparedness.

As part of FEMA's review of the CRS program, we published a RFI on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 86 FR 47128. FEMA is seeking input through this RFI on ways the agency can improve the CRS program: (1) To better align the CRS program with the improved understanding of flood risk and flood risk approaches that have developed since the program's inception; (2) to better incentivize communities and policyholders to become more resilient and to not only manage, but to lower their vulnerability to flood risk; and (3) to support the sound financial framework of the NFIP.

While the CRS program today has evolved, the overall approach and framework of the program has been the same since the start of the program. As FEMA undertakes many initiatives that will transform the NFIP, the agency is also evaluating the CRS program and its potential to support FEMA, State government, Tribal government, and community goals and needs. While the agency has made incremental changes since the CRS program's implementation, the agency is seeking input to further improve the program through additional programmatic changes. With the continuous learning around flood, flood risk management, and flood risk reduction techniques, FEMA now has more information about and understanding of multi-frequency analysis, pluvial flooding, climate change, and the extent of flood risk outside of the SFHA. FEMA seeks to make larger improvements within our programs based on these developments and is now taking a holistic look at the CRS program to determine how the program can best meet FEMA and stakeholder needs.