

Risk MAP: DISCOVERY



WHAT IS RISK MAP?

The FEMA Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (Risk MAP) program provides communities with hazard information and tools they can incorporate into existing planning efforts to reduce risk. The Risk MAP program is composed of a series of meetings, data collection, and assessment phases.

WHAT IS DISCOVERY?

This first phase of Risk MAP is Discovery, which has the following three areas of focus:

- Working closely with each community to identify areas at risk of natural hazards
- Gathering local data
- Reviewing mitigation plans to understand local mitigation capabilities and exploring potential solutions for reducing risk

WHY PARTICIPATE?

By participating in Discovery you will:

- Build relationships and collaborate with local, State, and Federal agencies
- Gain access to quality data, maps, updated flood studies, risk assessments, and outreach strategies
- Become connected to trainings and community outreach resources

THE INFORMATION EXCHANGE WEBINARS

The Discovery phase begins with Information Exchange webinars that are held with each community. These webinars serve as an opportunity to gain insight, input, and information from each local community. The webinars explore natural hazard risks, community development efforts, and hazard mitigation plans.

THE DISCOVERY MEETING

Following the webinars, FEMA hosts an in-person Discovery Meeting to discuss and explore the opportunities for a Risk MAP project. The goal of the meeting is to:

- Continue the discussion of natural hazard risks and ways to mitigate those risks
- Discuss and connect to various risk assessment tools available from FEMA to support and enhance resilience efforts
- Prioritize areas of potential studies and projects that will be considered for scoping a Risk MAP project



WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

Federal, State, regional, academic, non-profit, and other community-based organizations interested in hazards and/or land use.

AFTER THE DISCOVERY MEETING

FEMA uses the information gathered to prioritize scoping efforts to fund future mapping, risk assessments, and/or mitigation planning assistance through a Risk MAP project.