DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2021-0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-2111]

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations


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 [INSERT DATE 90 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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-2111, to Rick
Sacbibit, Chief, Engineering Services Branch, Federal Insurance and Mitigation
Administration, FEMA, 400 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-7659, or
(e-mail) 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 (e-mail) 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

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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<td>City of Charlevoix</td>
<td>City Hall, 210 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.</td>
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<td>Township of Charlevoix</td>
<td>Charlevoix Township Hall, 12491 Waller Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.</td>
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<td>Hayes Township Hall, 9195 Old U.S. 31 Highway North, Charlevoix, MI 49720.</td>
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<td>Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.</td>
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<td>Peaine Township Hall, 36825 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, MI 49782.</td>
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<td>Township of St. James</td>
<td>St. James Township Government Center, 37830 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, MI 49782.</td>
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