



## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2023-0002; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-2357]

#### 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).

**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-2357, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

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](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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<b>Essex County, Massachusetts (All Jurisdictions)</b>	
<b>Project: 15-01-0633S Preliminary Date: May 26, 2023</b>	
<b>Community</b>	<b>Community map repository address</b>
City of Beverly	City Hall, 191 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA 01915.
City of Gloucester	City Hall, 9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930.

City of Haverhill	City Hall, 4 Summer Street, Haverhill, MA 01830.
City of Lynn	City Hall, 3 City Hall Square, Lynn, MA 01901.
City of Newburyport	City Hall, 60 Pleasant Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.
City of Peabody	City Hall, 24 Lowell Street, Peabody, MA 01960.
City of Salem	City Hall, 93 Washington Street, Salem, MA 01970.
Town of Andover	Town Hall, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, MA 01810.
Town of Boxford	Town Hall, 7A Spofford Road, Boxford, MA 01921.
Town of Danvers	Town Hall, 1 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923.
Town of Essex	Town Hall, 30 Martin Street, Essex, MA 01929.
Town of Georgetown	Town Hall, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA 01833.
Town of Groveland	Town Hall, 183 Main Street, Groveland, MA 01834.
Town of Hamilton	Town Hall, 577 Bay Road, Hamilton, MA 01936.
Town of Ipswich	Town Hall, 25 Green Street, Ipswich, MA 01938.
Town of Lynnfield	Town Hall, 55 Summer Street, Lynnfield, MA 01940.
Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea	Town Hall, 10 Central Street, Manchester-by-the-Sea, MA 01944.
Town of Marblehead	Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, Marblehead, MA 01945.
Town of Merrimac	Town Hall, 4 School Street, Merrimac, MA 01860.

Town of Middleton	Town Hall, 48 South Main Street, Middleton, MA 01949.
Town of Newbury	Newbury Municipal Offices, 12 Kent Way, Byfield, MA 01922.
Town of North Andover	Town Hall, 120 Main Street, North Andover, MA 01845.
Town of Rockport	Town Hall, 34 Broadway, Rockport, MA 01966.
Town of Rowley	Town Hall, 139 Main Street, Rowley, MA 01969.
Town of Saugus	Town Hall, 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA 01906.
Town of Swampscott	Town Hall, 22 Monument Avenue, Swampscott, MA 01907.
Town of Topsfield	Town Offices, 8 West Common Street, Topsfield, MA 01983.
Town of Wenham	Town Hall, 138 Main Street, Wenham, MA 01984.
Town of West Newbury	Town Hall, 381 Main Street, West Newbury, MA 01985.

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**Middlesex County, Massachusetts (All Jurisdictions)**

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Community	Community map repository address
City of Cambridge	City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139.
City of Everett	City Hall, 484 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149.
City of Lowell	City Hall, 375 Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA 01852.
City of Malden	City Hall, 200 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148.
City of Medford	City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, MA 02155.
City of Melrose	City Hall, 562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176.

City of Newton	City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459.
City of Somerville	City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.
City of Waltham	City Hall, 610 Main Street, Waltham, MA 02452.
City of Woburn	City Hall, 10 Common Street, Woburn, MA 01801.
Town of Arlington	Town Hall, 730 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA 02476.
Town of Ashby	Town Hall, 895 Main Street, Ashby, MA 01431.
Town of Ashland	Town Hall, 101 Main Street, Ashland, MA 01721.
Town of Ayer	Town Hall, 1 Main Street, Ayer, MA 01432.
Town of Bedford	Town Hall, 10 Mudge Way, Bedford, MA 01730.
Town of Belmont	Town Hall, 455 Concord Avenue, Belmont, MA 02478.
Town of Billerica	Town Hall, 365 Boston Road, Billerica, MA 01821.
Town of Boxborough	Town Hall, 29 Middle Road, Boxborough, MA 01719.
Town of Burlington	Town Hall, 29 Center Street, Burlington, MA 01803.
Town of Chelmsford	Town Hall, 50 Billerica Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824.
Town of Concord	Town House, 22 Monument Square, Concord, MA 01742.
Town of Dracut	Town Hall, 62 Arlington Street, Dracut, MA 01826.
Town of Dunstable	Town Hall, 511 Main Street, Dunstable, MA 01827.

Town of Groton	Town Hall, 173 Main Street, Groton, MA 01450.
Town of Holliston	Town Hall, 703 Washington Street, Holliston, MA 01746.
Town of Hopkinton	Town Hall, 18 Main Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748.
Town of Lexington	Town Offices, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, MA 02420.
Town of Lincoln	Town Hall, 16 Lincoln Road, Lincoln, MA 01773.
Town of Littleton	Town Hall, 37 Shattuck Street, Littleton, MA 01460.
Town of Natick	Town Hall, 13 East Central Street, Natick, MA 01760.
Town of North Reading	Town Hall, 235 North Street, North Reading, MA 01864.
Town of Pepperell	Town Hall, 1 Main Street, Pepperell, MA 01463.
Town of Reading	Town Hall, 16 Lowell Street, Reading, MA 01867.
Town of Sherborn	Town Hall, 19 Washington Street, Sherborn, MA 01770.
Town of Shirley	Town Hall, 7 Keady Way, Shirley, MA 01464.
Town of Stoneham	Town Hall, 35 Central Street, Stoneham, MA 02180.
Town of Tewksbury	Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876.
Town of Townsend	Town Hall, 272 Main Street, Townsend, MA 01469.
Town of Tyngsborough	Town Hall, 25 Bryants Lane, Tyngsborough, MA 01879.
Town of Wakefield	Town Hall, 1 Lafayette Street, Wakefield, MA 01880.

Town of Watertown	Town Hall, 149 Main Street, Watertown, MA 02472.
Town of Wayland	Town Hall, 41 Cochituate Road, Wayland, MA 01778.
Town of Westford	Town Hall, 55 Main Street, Westford, MA 01886.
Town of Weston	Town Hall, 11 Town House Road, Weston, MA 02493.
Town of Wilmington	Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887.
Town of Winchester	Town Hall, 71 Mt. Vernon Street, Winchester, MA 01890.

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**Norfolk County, Massachusetts (All Jurisdictions)**

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Community	Community map repository address
City of Quincy	City Hall, 1305 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA 02169.
Town of Avon	Town Hall, 65 East Main Street, Avon, MA 02322.
Town of Bellingham	Municipal Center, 10 Mechanic Street, Bellingham, MA 02019.
Town of Braintree	Town Hall, 1 John F. Kennedy Memorial Drive, Braintree, MA 02184.
Town of Brookline	Town Hall, 333 Washington Street, Brookline, MA 02445.
Town of Canton	Town Hall, 801 Washington Street, Canton, MA 02021.
Town of Cohasset	Town Hall, 41 Highland Avenue, Cohasset, MA 02025.
Town of Dedham	Town Hall, 450 Washington Street, Dedham, MA 02026.
Town of Dover	Town House, 5 Springdale Avenue, Dover, MA 02030.
Town of Foxborough	Town Hall, 40 South Street, Foxborough, MA 02035.

Town of Franklin	Town Hall, 355 East Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038.
Town of Holbrook	Town Hall, 50 North Franklin Street, Holbrook, MA 02343.
Town of Medfield	Town House, 459 Main Street, Medfield, MA 02052.
Town of Medway	Town Hall, 155 Village Street, Medway, MA 02053.
Town of Millis	Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main Street, Millis, MA 02054.
Town of Milton	Town Office Building, 525 Canton Avenue, Milton, MA 02186.
Town of Needham	Town Hall, 1471 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02492.
Town of Norfolk	Town Hall, 1 Liberty Lane, Norfolk, MA 02056.
Town of Norwood	Town Hall, 566 Washington Street, Norwood, MA 02062.
Town of Plainville	Town Hall, 142 South Street, Plainville, MA 02762.
Town of Randolph	Town Hall, 41 South Main Street, Randolph, MA 02368.
Town of Sharon	Town Office Building, 90 South Main Street, Sharon, MA 02067.
Town of Stoughton	Town Hall, 10 Pearl Street, Stoughton, MA 02072.
Town of Walpole	Town Hall, 135 School Street, Walpole, MA 02081.
Town of Wellesley	Town Hall, 888 Worcester Street, Wellesley, MA 02482.
Town of Westwood	Town Hall, 580 High Street, Westwood, MA 02090.
Town of Weymouth	Town Hall, 75 Middle Street, Weymouth, MA 02189.

Town of Wrentham	Town Hall, 79 South Street, Wrentham, MA 02093.
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**Worcester County, Massachusetts (All Jurisdictions)**

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Community	Community map repository address
City of Fitchburg	City Hall, 718 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420.
City of Gardner	City Hall, 95 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA 01440.
City of Leominster	City Hall, 25 West Street, Leominster, MA 01453.
City of Worcester	City Hall, 455 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608.
Town of Ashburnham	Town Hall, 32 Main Street, Ashburnham, MA 01430.
Town of Berlin	Town Offices, 23 Linden Street, Berlin, MA 01503.
Town of Bolton	Town Hall, 663 Main Street, Bolton, MA 01740.
Town of Boylston	Town Hall, 221 Main Street, Boylston, MA 01505.
Town of Clinton	Town Hall, 242 Church Street, Clinton, MA 01510.
Town of Harvard	Town Hall, 13 Ayer Road, Harvard, MA 01451.
Town of Holden	Starbard Building, 1204 Main Street, Holden, MA 01520.
Town of Hopedale	Town Office, 78 Hopedale Street, Hopedale, MA 01747.
Town of Hubbardston	Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Hubbardston, MA 01452.
Town of Lancaster	Prescott Building, 701 Main Street, Lancaster, MA 01523.
Town of Lunenburg	Town Hall, 17 Main Street, Lunenburg, MA 01462.

Town of Mendon	Town Hall, 20 Main Street, Mendon, MA 01756.
Town of Milford	Town Hall, 52 Main Street, Milford, MA 01757.
Town of Paxton	Town Hall, 697 Pleasant Street, Paxton, MA 01612.
Town of Princeton	Town Hall, 6 Town Hall Drive, Princeton, MA 01541.
Town of Rutland	Town Hall, 250 Main Street, Rutland, MA 01543.
Town of Sterling	Butterick Municipal Building, 1 Park Street, Sterling, MA 01564.
Town of West Boylston	Town Hall, 140 Worcester Street, West Boylston, MA 01583.
Town of Westminster	Town Hall, 11 South Street, Westminster, MA 01473.

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