

ASSESS AND PROTECT

As Georgians have experienced, hurricanes and rainstorms can create serious runoff and flooding problems in Northern Georgia. Frequent and costly flooding occurs not only in high-risk areas but in moderate to low-risk areas as well. About 25 percent of all flood insurance claims come from lower-risk areas outside of the designated Special Flood Hazard Area or flood zone.

The new digital flood maps will show updated flood risk based on existing conditions. These new maps will be in an electronic, GIS format allowing easy comparison of the old and new data. As a result, citizens and community officials will be able to better assess current flood risk and take necessary action to reduce risk, loss of life and property damage.

Questions about Georgia's Flood Mapping Assessment & Planning Program or The Upper Chattahoochee River Basin Mapping Project?

Visit www.GeorgiaDFIRM.com.

Questions about flood insurance?

Visit www.FloodSmart.gov or speak with your insurance agent.



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Flooding occurs in all 50 states and is the nation's most costly natural disaster

A COORDINATED EFFORT TO PRODUCE NEW FLOOD MAPS

New flood maps are targeted to become effective in the fall of 2011. The development time-frame is ambitious and success depends on engaging participating agencies and stakeholders throughout the process. As newly acquired data (i.e., elevation data, high water marks) along with existing current information from communities are integrated into the latest modeling technology, regular meetings will keep community officials and the public informed on progress and obtain feedback. Once preliminary maps are delivered there will be a review and comment period to review and resolve concerns. At the end of the project the maps will be available online and the entire Upper Chattahoochee River Basin will have access to up-to-date and reliable flood hazard data.

PROJECT MILESTONES*

April 2010 – Project Kick-off Meeting; Scoping meetings held with each county

May – July 2010 – Field Survey, Study, and Mapping

September 2010 – Preliminary DFIRMs delivered to participating counties and communities

Fall 2010 – Public Comment Period

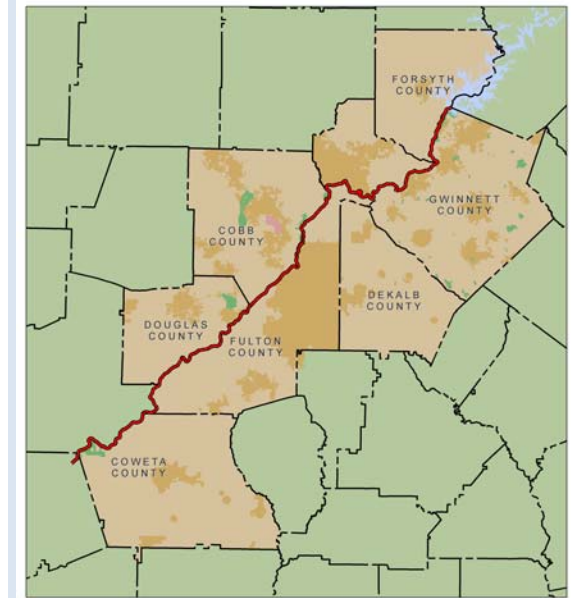
Winter 2010 - Appeals and protests are resolved; final maps are created

Spring/Summer 2011 – Letter of Final Determination is issued; counties and communities have 6 months to formally adopt the new maps

Fall/Winter 2011 – New flood maps take effect; new flood insurance requirements also take effect

Visit www.GeorgiaDFIRM.com to learn more about the mapping process and where and when meetings may be held.

* Dates are estimates and are subject to change



The Upper Chattahoochee River Basin Mapping Project

Identifying | Assessing | Reducing Flood Risk

