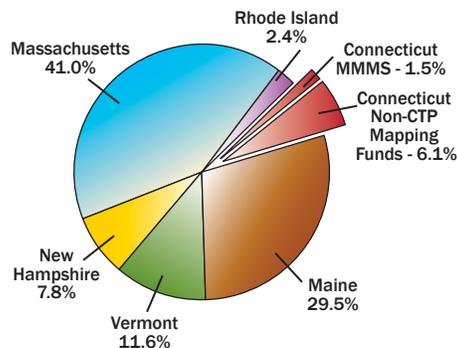


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REGIONAL AND STATE VIEW

Federal FY06 Region I Funding Distribution Total \$6,507,960



Source: State percentage received of total FY06 Flood Map Modernization Regional production budget according to internal FEMA procurement data (PALT). Connecticut 7.6%

PURPOSE OF BUSINESS PLAN SUMMARY

The Map Modernization Management Support (MMMS) Business Plan Summary was compiled by reviewing the Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-2009 MMMS Business Plans and FY 2007 updates. These business plans were submitted to the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by FEMA's MMMS partners.

The spring 2007 Business Plan Summary is being published at the crossroads of FEMA's mid-program evaluation and the end-state conditions of Map Modernization. This year, the summary reflects the MMMS partners' approach to and the effects of FEMA's mid-course adjustment, in addition to outlining their accomplished and planned MMMS activities, highlighting the MMMS partner's approach to meeting the goals of and program vision for Map Modernization. FEMA's mid-course adjustment is a redirection of improving and updating the Nation's flood hazard identification maps. FEMA will now focus on developing flood

maps that meet new higher standards for mapping and for a greater allocation of resources to those communities at greatest flood risk. The "end state conditions" refer to how successful the flood mapping effort is at the end of Map Modernization in FY 2010.

STATE VISION FOR MAP MODERNIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Our vision remains firm. By 2009, through effective leadership and partnerships, CTDEP plans to achieve 100% high quality digital flood maps for the entire State, with improved flood hazard data for the watersheds with highest population, land use change, growth, and need; create a continuously improving program for flood hazard data development and future map maintenance; foster an environment to build state and local capabilities consistent with the continued availability of federal funding; and promote professional floodplain management excellence within the state of Connecticut.

EFFECTS/APPROACH OF/TO MIDCOURSE ADJUSTMENT

As was FEMA's plan prior to the March 27, 2006 Mid-Course Adjustment, ranking and production of maps was to be completed by county as per the priorities conducted in 2002. However, FEMA now states, and CTDEP agrees, that while the creation of a digital flood layer for the entire state is an important goal, FEMA believes that it is necessary to delay 100 percent coverage in favor of the important goal of providing more detailed and accurate digital maps for those areas that have the highest flood risk and ensuring that the floodplain delineations on the digital maps meet the Floodplain Boundary Standards. FEMA further has decided to prioritize mapping needs based on census block groups; a logical starting point from

MAP OF EFFECTIVE DFIRMS



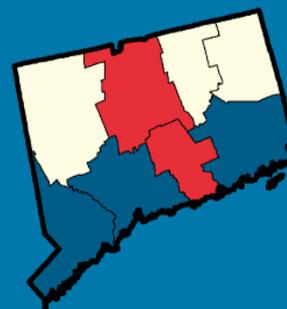
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Map of Effective DFIRMs



Source: FEMA Regional Flood Study Sequencing by County – March 2007

MAP OF PRELIMINARY DFIRMS



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Map of Preliminary DFIRMs



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which considerations can then be made to identify stream reaches or coastal areas within each town that may need restudies. Having this information will enable FEMA to utilize its resources in a manner that optimizes benefits for the highest risk populations. The CTDEP agrees with FEMA's mid-course adjustment and will slow down the digital conversion and provide additional resources for engineering analysis to alleviate this risk.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND STRENGTHS OR SUCCESS STORIES

The Floodplain Management Program (FMP) provides general and technical assistance to the full complement of players involved in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and interacts with other state agencies on policies, programs and projects that relate to floodplain management and flood hazard mitigation. Education and outreach play a vital role in promoting and building floodplain management capacity throughout the state, which includes training workshops and presentations for local officials, lenders, insurance agents, land surveyors, engineers, regional planning commissions, as well as various state agencies and programs. In-depth community assistance visits are conducted with communities which provide valuable one-on-one opportunities to address local concerns with floodplain regulations, flood maps, floodplain development and permitting, and hazard mitigation planning. Connecticut is one of few states where every community (174) participates in the NFIP and is in good standing.

SIGNIFICANT COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH PARTNERS

FEMA's fourth performance indicator is to increase the amount of Map Modernization funding that is channeled to Cooperating Technical Partners (CTPs). The CTDEP will showcase the advantages for FEMA to develop partnerships at the state, regional, or local level to accomplish its Map Modernization objectives. Staff of the CTDEP's FMP participate in organizations, professional society conferences and other activities where they will bring increased visibility and support for FEMA's CTP program. In successfully partnering with communities within the state, CTDEP will continue to encourage municipalities, regional planning organizations, soil and water conservation districts, universities and other partners to work through the state to become CTPs. This will further community goals for Map Modernization and future map maintenance activities.

IMPEDIMENTS TO MAP ADOPTION

The FMP has developed a draft "State Model Floodplain Management Ordinance" that exceeds the minimum NFIP requirements in a number of areas. While the majority of the regulations are not founded in

state statute, it has allowed the program more flexibility in meeting needs to revise and update the model. In FY 2006, the FMP solicited comments from state and local entities, incorporated appropriate changes, and is working to finalize the ordinance. In 2004, the State Attorney General provided an opinion affirming that digital data may be adopted in lieu of paper maps.

UNMET NEEDS OF CONNECTICUT'S MAP MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

Newly hired staff under the FEMA Community Assistance Program will be utilized to assist with ongoing activities in the FMP such as outreach, training, ordinance review and compliance. The Map Modernization Coordinator will provide coordination on community map adoption processes, education, training and outreach, and any contracting that may take place. While operating Map Modernization under the "low level" of funding, the state has no plans to hire additional staff. With appropriate FEMA funding with multi-year commitment in place, the CTDEP's FMP would have the capability to perform all work as outlined. This will allow CTDEP to cost effectively manage the program for the state. CTDEP will continue to seek full funding of one FTE position.

MMMS ACTIVITIES PLANNED FY07

The FMP has an interest in conducting the following activities in 2007:

- Annual Business Plan Updates
- Support Activities
- Outreach
- Assessment of Community Mapping Needs
- Project Scoping
- Technical Standards Agreements
- Digital Base Map Inventory and Data Sharing
- Topographic Data Development
- H&H Preparation
- DFIRM Production
- Study Coordination
- NFIP Compliance Efforts Related to Map Adoption
- IT Systems
- Staffing
- Training Efforts
- Building Partnerships