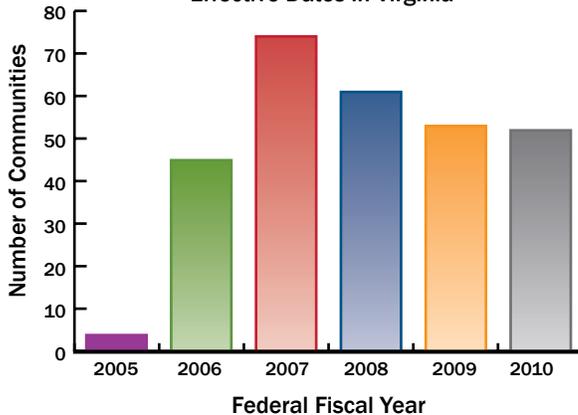


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Projected Flood Insurance Rate Map
Effective Dates in Virginia*



*Currently includes both participating and non-participating communities from Multi-Year Flood Hazard Identification Plan (MHIP) sequencing, Version 1.5, June 2005.

PURPOSE

This report is an outcome of the review of the Federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2005-2009 Floodplain Management Work Plans by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It is intended to show the relationship of Community Assistance Program – State Support Services Element (CAP-SSSE) activities, and resource allocation, the State is undertaking in response to the flood mapping production schedule of Flood Map Modernization, and to highlight the efforts that are underway to achieve the flood loss reduction goals of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

STATE VISION FOR FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

The Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Conservation and Recreation Floodplain Management Program's (DCRFMP) main goal is to protect people and their property from unwise floodplain development, as well as to protect society from the costs that are associated with developed floodplains. The DCRFMP's objective is to prevent loss of life, reduce property damage, and conserve the natural and beneficial values of Virginia's river and coastal floodplains. These objectives are accomplished through the DCRFMP's five functional elements that are the NFIP compliance and assistance, flood

hazard mitigation assistance, community education, coordination of flood protection programs (including flood hazard mapping), and management of the Flood Prevention and Protection Assistance Fund.

STATE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Under the Flood Damage Reduction Act §10.1-602 (Code of Virginia) and the Governor's Memorandum 2-97 "Floodplain Management for State Agencies" dated July 1, 1997, the powers and duties of Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) was established and the Manager of the Floodplain Program designated as the State Coordinator for the NFIP. In November 2003, the Floodplain Management Program was merged with DCR's Dam Safety Program to form the Division of Dam Safety and Floodplain Management.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS, STRENGTHS, OR SUCCESS STORIES OF THE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Currently, FEMA's CAP-SSSE grant provides funding to the Virginia DCRFMP. The Floodplain Management Program staff work with local, State, and Federal offices/agencies to assist participating Virginia communities in maintaining compliance with

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GAP ANALYSIS

****How many Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) are employed for floodplain management in the State agency:** 3

How many additional FTEs are needed to perform Floodplain Management activities: >1

What percent/number of floodprone communities participate in the NFIP: 95%/265

What percent/number of NFIP communities participate in Community Rating System: 6%/17

**Referenced from the Association of State Floodplain Managers' *Floodplain Management 2003, State and Local Programs*



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the NFIP and to ensure that communities are achieving the flood loss reduction objectives of the NFIP.

OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, WHERE DOES VIRGINIA FORESEE A SHORTAGE OF RESOURCES?

The DCR Floodplain Management Program would like to expand some of the training and public outreach opportunities so that flood risks and mitigation activities become more publicized throughout the Commonwealth. This can be accomplished through a number of activities, including the following:

- Additional training for Elevation Certificates, Substantial Damage Estimator, Letter of Map Revision applications and procedures, and development in un-numbered A-Zones;
- More public outreach, such as newsletters and Virginia “fact sheets;”
- Attendance at additional conferences; and
- More resources for general technical assistance.

Based on the current workload, it is not anticipated that any of these can occur without additional funding or assistance from FEMA's National Service Provider because the current CAP-SSSE program staff are already fully utilized.

SIGNIFICANT COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WITH FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL PARTNERS IN SUPPORT OF FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

While performing various NFIP and floodplain management roles within the Commonwealth, DCR has established relationships with a diverse group of organizations and government agencies. In the past, because of periods of staff vacancies or extended disaster responses, DCR had to utilize the services of the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission and the Virginia Tech Center for Geographic Information Technology over the past two years to assist the Floodplain Management Program in attaining its CAP-SSSE Program and Flood Map Modernization Program objectives.

FEDERALLY DECLARED DISASTERS/EMERGENCIES BY CALENDAR YEAR

VIRGINIA	2004	2005
Federally Declared Disasters	Severe Storms and Flooding from the remnants of Hurricane Jeanne – October 18 Severe Storms, Flooding, and Tornadoes associated with Tropical Depression Gaston – September 3 Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding – June 15	N/A
Federally Declared Emergency Declarations	N/A	N/A

FLOOD INSURANCE AND LOSS SUMMARY FROM 1978 TO MARCH 31, 2005

	TOTAL CURRENT POLICIES	TOTAL PREMIUM (\$)**	NUMBER OF CLAIMS***	TOTAL PAID DOLLARS (\$)****
NATIONAL RANKINGS*	84,800	\$39,828,961	28,081	\$390,796,870
	9th	9th	13th	10th

* National ranking based on NFIP NextGen data; ranked from highest to lowest.

** The total amount of premiums for policies in-force.

*** The total number of claims reported.

**** The total amount paid on claims.

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