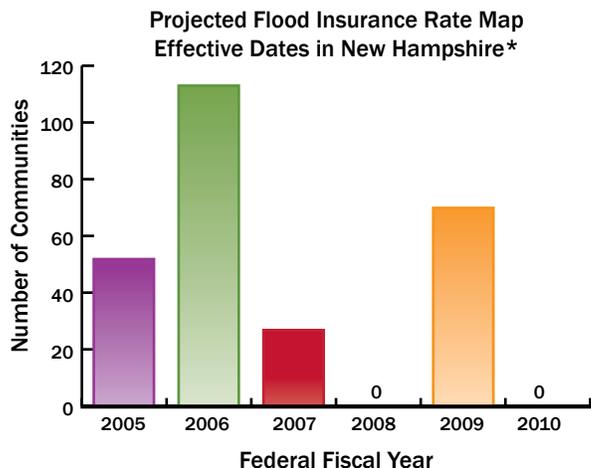


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*Currently includes both participating and non-participating communities from Multi-Year Flood Hazard Identification Plan sequencing, Version 1.5, June 2005.

**Percentages may have been rounded to the nearest whole number. The pie chart shows the CAP-SSSE activities the State agency responsible for floodplain management is undertaking in relation to other activities.

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 overall vision for the New Hampshire NFIP is to:

- Create a continuously improving program for floodplain management through effective leadership and partnerships;
- Foster an environment to build State and local capabilities;
- Promote floodplain management excellence within the State.

New Hampshire's focus over the next five years will be in three areas:

- **Program Management:** develop and provide a continually improving program management structure that motivates partners to collaborate on the overall goal of reducing New Hampshire's vulnerability to floods.

- **Partnerships:** provide opportunities whenever possible to strengthen collaborations between potential partners.
- **Outreach and Assistance:** foster public and stakeholder understanding of where and how to obtain flood and other hazard data, and how to analyze the data to make sound decisions related to floodplain management.

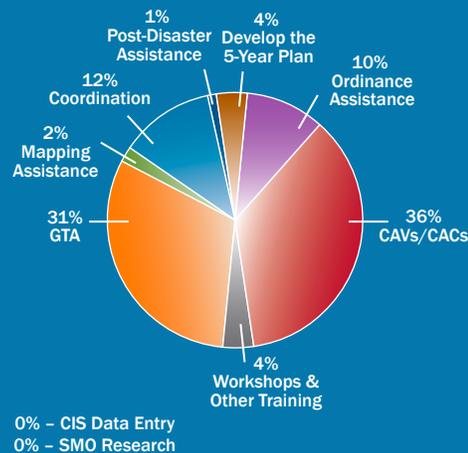
STATE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

The NFIP in New Hampshire is coordinated by the Office of Energy and Planning (OEP). The Governor designated OEP as the lead agency for the NFIP in New Hampshire in a letter dated September 21, 2004, to Ken Horak, Acting Regional Director, FEMA, Region I. Although OEP is now designated as the lead agency for the NFIP, the staff will continue to coordinate its efforts with the New Hampshire Bureau of Emergency Management (BEM), as appropriate.

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

Complex Systems Research Center (CSRC) and OEP envision a web-based mapping system to complement, support, and improve the efficiency of the community assistance activities proposed in this strategic plan. The system will be an enhancement of the Geographically

According to the FY 2005-2009 Work Plan, New Hampshire will perform the following activities in FY 2005**:



GAP ANALYSIS

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

agency: **0.75**

How many additional FTEs are needed to perform floodplain management activities: **0.5**

What percent/number of floodprone communities participate in the NFIP: **85%/191**

What percent/number of NFIP communities participate in the Community Rating System: **3%/5**

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



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Referenced Analysis and Information Transfer System (GRANIT) site (www.granit.sr.unh.edu). It is anticipated that a half-time web developer, housed at UNH CSRC and with some oversight by the GRANIT manager, is needed to implement the activities listed below. Accordingly, if the Flood Map Modernization component is fully funded, the amount requested under the Community Assistance Program will be revised to the numbers included in parentheses in the cost table at the end of this section.

Among the capabilities anticipated for the expanded system are the following:

- Online mapping of New Hampshire's floodplain maps and related data sets;
- Ability to upload local data sets;
- Display of Letters of Map Amendment;
- Delivery of geocoding services.

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

New Hampshire's progress in achieving its vision is reliant on the level of funding received for the NFIP. To realize the full vision of the program outlined below, additional technical and program management capability and capacity are needed. Specifically, the

OEP is proposing a new mapping initiative to provide a web-based mapping system to provide easier and more efficient access to the complete range of floodplain data sets, including the standard Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps suite, as well as related data sets archived in the GRANIT database. Implementation of this initiative will result in a more efficient delivery system of floodplain management information to a broad range of users.

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

The NFIP Coordinator and the State Hazard Mitigation Officer at BEM will coordinate any activities related to flood mitigation, focusing on the repetitive loss information provided by FEMA. The OEP will participate as needed and/or provide assistance to BEM in the management of Hazard Mitigation, and Pre-Disaster Mitigation. In addition, the OEP will continue to coordinate and meet regularly with the New Hampshire Departments of Environmental Services, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), and other State and Federal agencies, and programs on issues relevant to the NFIP. OEP staff participates in NHDOT advisory committee meetings on the Long Range Transportation Plan, corridor studies, and highway improvement projects. These are unique opportunities to increase the visibility and lessen the potential impacts to floodplain areas.

FEDERALLY DECLARED DISASTERS/EMERGENCIES BY CALENDAR YEAR

NEW HAMPSHIRE	2004	2005
Federally Declared Disasters	N/A	Severe Storms and Flooding – October 26
Federally Declared Emergency Declarations	Snow – January 15	Hurricane Katrina Evacuation – September 19 Snow – March 30 (2 declarations), April 28

FLOOD INSURANCE AND LOSS SUMMARY FROM 1978 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

	TOTAL CURRENT POLICIES	TOTAL PREMIUM (\$) **	NUMBER OF CLAIMS ***	TOTAL DOLLARS PAID (\$) ****
NATIONAL RANKINGS*	6,032	\$3,765,388	1,977	\$9,820,885
	43rd	43rd	42nd	44th

* 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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