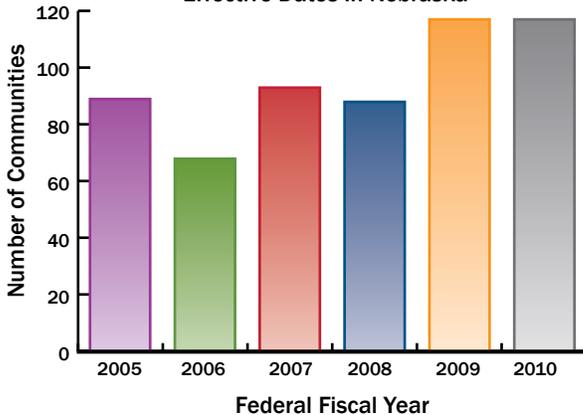


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Projected Flood Insurance Rate Map
Effective Dates in Nebraska*



*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

For many years, the State of Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) has had a well-rounded, State-funded, floodplain management program in place. In Nebraska, floodplain management regulation occurs entirely at the local level. The purpose of the state program is to provide Nebraska citizens and industry with the tools and knowledge to be protected from known flooding hazards. The Nebraska program emphasizes ordinance assistance, mitigation assistance, and technical assistance – including hydrology

and hydraulics as well as survey and photogrammetry.

STATE FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

The State of Nebraska has strong floodplain management statutes that reflect, and in some instances, exceed Federal minimum standards. Chapter 31, Reissued Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, Article 10, Flood Plain, Chapter 31, Article 10, and Sections 31-1001 through 31-1023 provides the NDNR the authority to implement floodplain management. This statutory authority has enabled NDNR to implement a floodplain management program that has been carefully structured and staffed to provide a full range of floodplain management services for the citizens of Nebraska.

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

The Floodplain Management Section at NDNR provides a complete resource for floodplain officials at all levels of government. In Nebraska, floodplain management responsibilities reside at the local unit of government. NDNR is the NFIP State Coordinator, and is responsible for

GAP ANALYSIS

****How many Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) are employed for floodplain management in the State agency:** 6.5

How many additional FTEs are needed to perform floodplain management activities: 2

What percent/number of floodprone communities participate in the NFIP: 82%/298

What percent/number of NFIP communities participate in the Community Rating System: 1%/2

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



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assisting local communities with floodplain management regulations, ordinances, and Community Assistance Visits. Among other duties, NDNR is directed to provide floodplain information to local units of government, and to assist the Federal government with mapping flood hazards.

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

The primary issue for floodplain management in Nebraska is that approximately half of the State has not been mapped for flooding hazards. FEMA's Flood Map Modernization is addressing the floodplain mapping issue by mapping unmapped areas, and making existing maps accessible in an electronic (Internet or CD) format. Flood Map Modernization will increase the workload of the Floodplain Management Section. NDNR resources will be limited during Flood Map Modernization because of the expected large volume of new community contacts, ordinance assistance required during the map adoption process, and maintenance of existing local capabilities in floodplain management.

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

NDNR continues to coordinate with all appropriate state agencies to increase understanding of, and compliance with, good floodplain management practices and with other state agencies on the Governor's Task Force. In addition, NDNR coordinates with Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) on matters relating to Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs and works with NEMA to assist FEMA after disasters occur. NDNR also coordinates with Nebraska Department of Roads, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Nebraska Department of Economic Development, and Nebraska Department of Environmental Control on project reviews to coordinate floodplain management programs with projects undertaken by those agencies. Recently, NDNR assisted the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services on an inventory of State structures that will ensure that flood hazards are inventoried as a part of the threat risk for all State-owned buildings.

FEDERALLY DECLARED DISASTERS/EMERGENCIES BY CALENDAR YEAR

NEBRASKA	2004	2005
Federally Declared Disasters	Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding - May 25	Severe Storms and Flooding - June 23
Federally Declared Emergency Declarations	N/A	N/A

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

	TOTAL CURRENT POLICIES	TOTAL PREMIUM (\$)***	NUMBER OF CLAIMS***	TOTAL DOLLARS PAID (\$)****
NATIONAL RANKINGS*	13,550	\$7,067,189	3,333	\$20,832,303
	35th	34th	39th	41st

* 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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