

**Maine Floodplain Management Program
Update on FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping
September 16, 2026**

Base Level Engineering (BLE): Zone A reaches will be replaced with new engineering. It will be done without surveying, but it will have new hydrology, new hydraulics, and new floodplains.

Quarterly dates represent calendar year.

Androscoggin County

Lower Androscoggin River Watershed

Priority areas:

Androscoggin River: New study, 48.1 miles: Auburn, Durham, Greene, Leeds, Lewiston, Lisbon, Livermore, Livermore Falls, Turner.

Hopper Brook: New Study, 3.6 miles: Greene.

Sabattus Pond: New Study, Greene, Sabattus, Wales.

Sabattus River: New Study, 11.3 miles. Sabattus and Lisbon.

As of 11/7/24: The hydrologic and hydraulic data for the detailed study areas is in development. Surveys are being conducted.

Discovery meeting December 12, 2023

Flood Risk Review meetings September 9, 10, 2026

As of May 2026: Flood Risk Review work maps projected 1st Quarter 2027.

Androscoggin River Watershed - Lower

Oxford County includes Presumpscot River Watershed. Franklin County

Approximate Zone A Study, 120 miles of new Zone A, 60 miles of re-delineated Zone AE. No new engineering analysis. Using LiDAR for re-delineation.

Discovery meeting June 10, 2026

As of May 2026: Flood Risk Review work maps projected for 1st quarter 2027.

Androscoggin River Watershed – Upper

Oxford and Franklin Counties

July 2021, decision by FEMA that no new studies would be initiated. Re-delineation to the 2' contours and modelled Zone As.

Communities affected in **Oxford County**: Upton, LUPC (Adamstown Twp, Andover North Surplus Twp, Andover West Surplus Twp, Bowmantown Twp, C Surplus, Grafton Twp, Lincoln Plt, Lower

Cupsuptic Twp, Lynchtown Twp, Magalloway Plt, Oxbow Twp, Parkertown Twp, Parmachenee Twp, Richardson Twp, Riley Twp, Township C, and Upper Cupsuptic Twp.)

Communities affected in **Franklin County**: Rangeley, LUPC (Alder Stream Twp, Chain of Ponds Twp, Dallas Plt, Davis Twp, Lang Twp, Massachusetts Gore, Rangeley Plt, Sandy River Plt, Seven Ponds Twp, Stetsontown Twp, Tim Pond Twp, Township D, and Township E.)

Discovery meeting November 17, 2020
Flood Risk Review work maps issued January 23, 2026.

Aroostook County

2D Rain on Grid Large Scale Automated Engineering (LSAE) will commence in early 2021 using updated LiDAR data to produce approximate Zone As for the Allagash River, Fish River, Aroostook River, St. Francis River, St. John River, Big Black River, Little River, Becaguimec Stream, Keswick River, Meduxnekeag River, East Branch of the Penobscot River, Lower Penobscot River, and the St. Croix River watersheds.

The following reaches are being studied in detail: Aroostook River (Caribou, Presque Isle, Mapleton, Washburn, Masardis), B Stream (Houlton), Caribou Stream (Caribou), Clayton Brook (Washburn, Mapleton), Meduxnekeag River (Houlton), Salmon Brook (Washburn), Sly Brook (Island Falls), West Branch Mattawamkeag (Island Falls).

Discovery meeting October 4, 2022
As of May 2026: Flood Risk Review work maps projected 3rd Quarter 2026.

Cumberland County

Effective June 20, 2024.

Cumberland County/Coastal Erosion Mapping

Here's the link:

<https://fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a4aa86031a3a40be9d453d781ff210b3&extent=-8486885.104%2C4966725.1565%2C-7532950.991%2C5521352.2337%2C102100>

As of March 2025, the FEMA Region I Coastal Erosion Hazard Viewer is no longer available as FEMA aligns with the direction from President Trump and Secretary Noem.

Dead River Watershed:

Franklin and Somerset Counties

731 stream miles of new approximate study: North Branch Dead River, Tea River, Tim River, Stratton Brook and Stratton Brook Tributary (unnamed). Re-delineate to 2' topo, modelled Zone As.

Discovery meetings June 15, 16, 2022
Flood Risk Review work maps issued July 18, 2025.

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As of May 2026: Preliminary Maps for Franklin County projected 4th quarter 2026, Somerset County projected 1st quarter 2027.

Hancock County

Re-study 7 mile stretch of the Union River. 2D Rain on Grid Large Scale Automated Engineering (LSAE) modelling of Zone A and re-delineation of flood zone boundaries to the 2' contours. This will affect all the map panels in Hancock County. The work has been completed and FEMA will initiate Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs) in November 2023 so the changes will be incorporated into the map.

Multiple LOMRs issued in 2024 and 2025. Use the NFHL to see the changes.

Kennebec River Watershed - Lower

9 Counties: Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, Lincoln, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Waldo

New study will be done on 1.7 miles of the Sebasticook River (Hartland/Palmyra).

New study will be done on 56.2 miles of the Kennebec River (Skowhegan, Clinton, Fairfield, Benton, Waterville, Winslow, Sidney, Vassalboro, Augusta, Hallowell, Farmingdale, Gardiner, Pittston, Chelsea, Randolph).

Discovery meetings November 9 and 10, 2022

As of May 2026: Flood Risk Review work maps projected 2nd quarter 2026.

Sandy River Watershed (part of Lower Kennebec Watershed)

Re-delineated streams: Phillips, Strong, Farmington, Starks, Mercer, Norridgewock, Temple (Zone AE without a floodway).

Effective Zone A, new BLE: Madrid Township, Freeman Township, Avon, New Vineyard, Anson, New Sharon, Chesterville, Vienna.

The other communities within this watershed don't have any effective Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) within the watershed boundary.

As of May 2026: Flood Risk Review work maps projected 3rd Quarter 2026.

Oxford County

Affects all communities. Modelling of Zone A and re-delineation of flood zone boundaries to the 2' contours.

Lower Androscoggin and Presumpscot River Watersheds

Discovery Meeting June 9, 2026

As of May 2026: Flood Risk Review work maps projected for 1st quarter 2027.

Upper Androscoggin River Watershed

Discovery Meetings November 2020

As of August 2025: Flood Risk Review work maps issued January 23, 2026.

Saco River Watershed - Oxford County

Flooding sources prioritized for re-study include Ellis River (9.4 mi.), Rocky Branch (2.2 mi.), Saco River (37.5 mi.) and Wildcat Brook (4.7 mi.).

As of 11/7/24: The hydrologic and hydraulic data for the detailed study areas is in development.

Discovery meeting May 10, 11, 2022

As of May 2026: Flood Risk Review work maps projected 2nd Quarter 2026.

Penobscot County

Portions of the Mattawamkeag watershed. This is just a small piece that is part of the Aroostook County project.

New approximated Zone A with 2D Base Level Engineering (275 miles).

Redelineation 1D detailed Zone AE and Floodway (2.3 miles).

Discovery meeting October 2022

Flood Risk Review meeting and work maps released August 25, 2026.

Piscataquis River Watershed

46 total miles of new detailed study: Pleasant River, Sebec River, Piscataquis River and small portions of Fox, Davee, Dunham, and Schoolhouse brooks.

Redelineation of Zone AE 39 stream miles.

Modelled Zone A and re-delineation to 2' topo 1476 stream miles.

Discovery meeting June 29, 30, 2022

Flood Risk Review work maps released June 30, 2026.

Waldo County

Priority areas:

Marsh Stream: 2.7 miles of re-delineation to 2' contours of the flood hazard area in Frankfort & Winterport.

North Branch Marsh River: .9 miles of new study in Frankfort.

As of 11/7/24: The hydrologic and hydraulic data for the detailed study area is in development.

Discovery meeting November 28, 2023.

As of May 2026: Flood Risk Review work maps projected 1st Quarter 2027.

St. George/Sheepscot River Watershed – Waldo County

Priority areas:

Medomak River: 18 Miles of new study in Union, Waldoboro, and Washington.

St. George River: 20 miles of new study in Appleton, Thomaston, Union, and Warren.

Discovery meeting November 29, 2023.

As of May 2026: Flood Risk Review work maps projected 1st Quarter 2027.

York County/Coastal Erosion Mapping

Completed, here's the link:

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York County

Effective July 17, 2024.