



## NEWS RELEASE

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#### **Announcement: FEMA proposed flood map updates**

Town Planning & GIS attended the Community Coordination and Outreach (CCO) meeting with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on Dec. 11, 2018. The community reviewed FEMA's preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) changes for our area. The Town was made aware of proposed areas of both increase and decrease in our floodplain extent. If adopted, these changes would become effective in 2020.

The FEMA Map Service Center (MSC) is the official public source for flood hazard information. A simple webmap displaying the draft Changes Since Last FIRM (CSLF) layer for Culpeper may be viewed online at: <http://arcg.is/0eu9S5>. For properties within the affected areas, FEMA's interactive [Flood Map Changes Viewer](#) can be used to generate a detailed report using the Preliminary Map Comparison Tool (example attached). Any objections to the proposed changes must be formally submitted to FEMA through the community CEO during the 90-day regulatory appeal period, ending 3/11/2019. All appeals must be supported by scientific and technical data. For more information, please contact the Town Planning & Community Development office.

Adopting a new FIRM may change the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policy rating for both present and future NFIP policyholders. Anyone who may be affected by these changes should visit the NFIP website at [www.FloodSmart.gov](http://www.FloodSmart.gov) for additional resources or phone the National Flood Insurance Call Center at 1-800-427-4661.