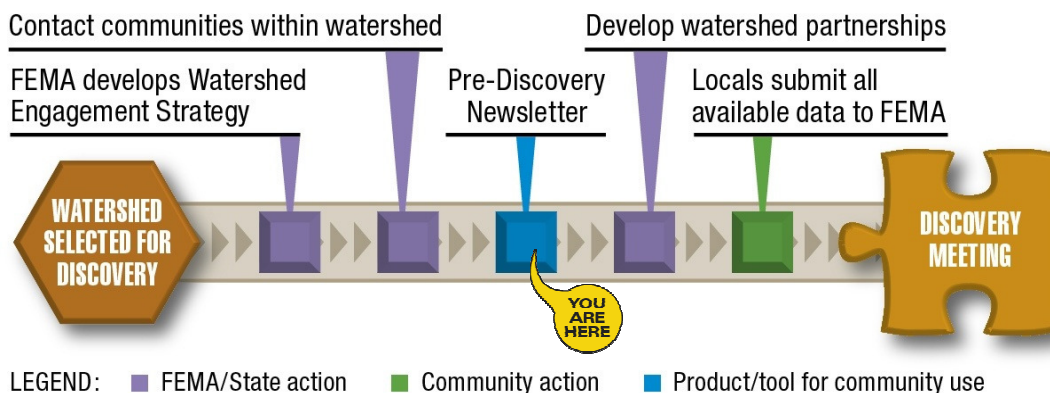


## Upper Trinity Watershed



### Risk MAP and Discovery

FEMA’s Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (Risk MAP) program will assist communities nationwide, assess flood risks, and encourage mitigation planning to avoid or minimize damage in the face of future disasters.

### Discovery and Risk MAP

The FEMA Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning, or Risk MAP, program helps communities identify, assess, and reduce their flood risk. Through Risk MAP, FEMA provides information to enhance local mitigation plans, improve community outreach, and increase local resilience to floods. For more information about Risk MAP go to [www.riskmap6.com](http://www.riskmap6.com). To assist with risk communication efforts and build a support base for hazard mitigation go to [www.riskmap6.com/guidebook.aspx](http://www.riskmap6.com/guidebook.aspx) to view the *Risk Communication Guidebook for Local Officials*.

### The Goal

To work closely with communities to better understand local flood risk, mitigation efforts, and other topics and spark watershed-wide discussions about increasing resilience to flooding.

### The Partners

During Discovery, FEMA and the State partner with:

- Community officials; including leaders, floodplain administrators, engineers, watershed council

representatives, planners, emergency managers, and GIS specialists, Federal, State, and regional, non-profit organizations concerned with flooding or land use

- Other locally-identified stakeholders

### The Meeting

Once communities provide FEMA with local flood risk and other data, FEMA schedules a Discovery Meeting to:

- Review and validate the flood risk data gathered to date
- Discuss the community flooding history, development plans, flood mapping needs and flood risk concerns
- Review stormwater, floodplain management, and other community activities that relate to flood risk
- Discuss the vision for the watershed’s future, as well as the importance of mitigation planning and community outreach

### Local and National Flood Data Tell the Story

The data that FEMA has available at the national and regional levels only tell part of the story. For a holistic picture of a community’s flood risk, FEMA relies heavily on information and data provided by the community itself. Because flood risk changes over time, this is a great opportunity to take a look at activities that impact your community’s flood risks.

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#### Data FEMA Requests from Communities

FEMA works with communities to collect and review:

- Historical local flooding mitigation activities and grant projects, ongoing or planned
- Verifiable high-water marks located within the community
- Recent, ongoing or proposed projects since the previous map revision date
- Areas where there has been recent development or that are prone to future development
- Identify any flood control structures, such as berms, floodwalls, levees or other types of channel improvements within your community
- Relevant reports or studies that include hydrology, hydraulics, survey or LIDAR
- Boundary, hydrography, building footprints, parcel and transportation GIS data layers
- People or agencies that are utilizing GIS technology in your community
- Persons or agencies that are collecting local survey data
- Primary flood mapping needs of your community
- Areas in your community with repeated flooding
- Areas where the community feels the Special Flood Hazard Areas are understated or inadequate
- Areas where the community feels that the Special Flood Hazard Areas are overstated

- Projects identified in your community's hazard mitigation plan to help reduce the risk of future flood damage
- Comprehensive community/regional land use or watershed plans
- Details of the current flood risk communication process

**FEMA asks communities to share whatever data they have to provide as complete a picture as possible.**

#### Why Is this Important?

Because flood hazards change over time, this effort provides a great opportunity to take a comprehensive look at the components that contribute to your community's and your watershed's flood risk. In addition to providing another perspective, participating in this process will increase your understanding of your flood risk and help you identify proactive steps you can take to protect your community from losses to life and property that often accompany flooding.

#### Data Available to FEMA at the National/Regional Level

FEMA can access and review:

- ✓ FEMA-approved mitigation plans
- ✓ Previous flood studies
- ✓ Numbers of flood insurance policies
- ✓ Letters of Map Amendment
- ✓ Letters of Map Revision
- ✓ Average Annualized Loss (AAL) information
- ✓ Census data
- ✓ Federal and State disaster information

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