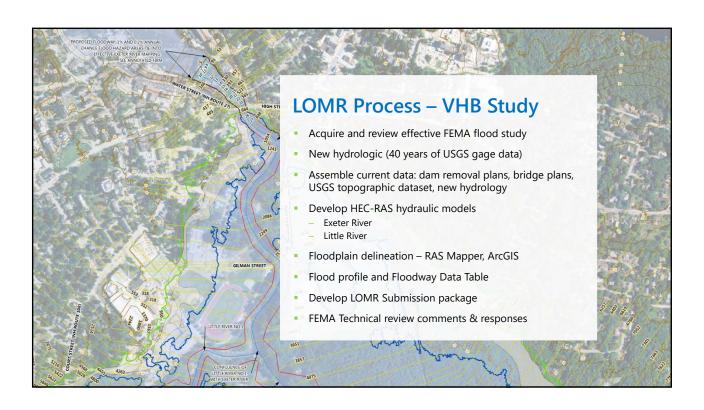


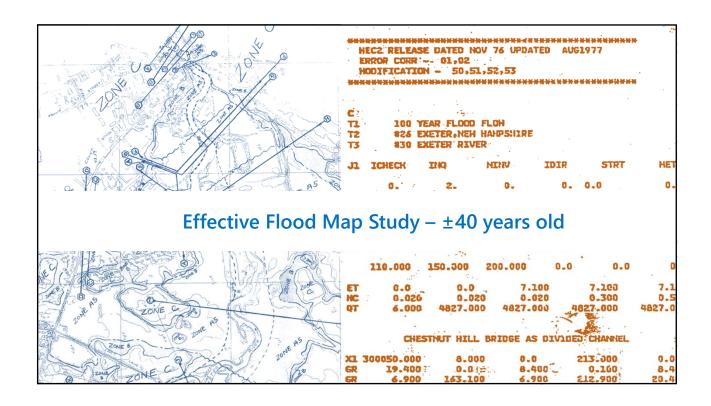
### **Tonight's Agenda - Flood Map Revisions 101**

- Background: Why are flood maps changing?
  - Dam removal
  - Updating outdated data
- Explanation of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) terminology
  - (SFHA, BFE, Zone AE, Zone X, Floodway, etc.)
- Discussion of flood risk assessment (1% vs 100-year storm)
- Explanation of flood insurance requirements
  - Who must purchase flood insurance
  - Process to dispute or change flood risk determination
- What is Changing? Difference between Effective/LOMR flood risk maps
- Timeline and Next Steps

## Background – Why are Flood Maps Changing?

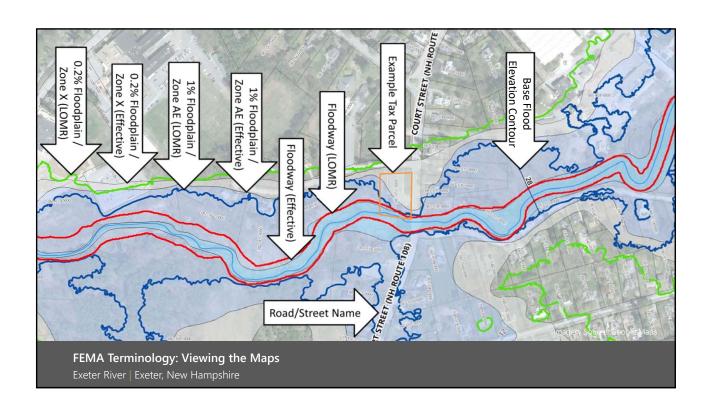
- (October 2016) Dam removal construction completed
- National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations require documenting change in floodplain elevations/extents following dam removal
- Flood map update process: Letter of Map Revision (LOMR)
  - FEMA administers process
  - Amends official effective NFIP flood maps
  - Flood map changes reflect:
    - Great Dam removal
    - Improved topographic data (LiDAR)
    - Updated climate/weather pattern hydrologic data (USGS river gage records)
- (Concurrent with the LOMR process): Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) County-wide flood mapping update

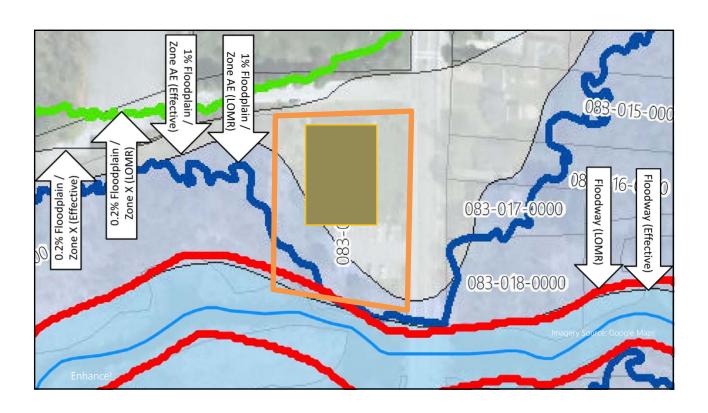




### FEMA Terminology - Flood Map Revisions 101

- NFIP: National Flood Insurance Program
- FIS: Flood Insurance Study
- FIRM: Flood Insurance Rate Map
- Base Flood / 1%-Chance-Flood / 100-Year Flood
- SFHA: "Special Flood Hazard Area" AKA Flood Zones
  - Zone AE: High-Risk Area (1%-chance-flood)
  - Zone X: Moderate-Risk Area (0.2%-chance-flood)
- Floodway: Protected area reserved for flood conveyance
- BFE: "Base Flood Elevation" (1%-chance-flood)
  - Flood Profile
- LOMC/LOMA/LOMR: "Letter of Map Change"/"Amendment"/"Revision"





# **Quantifying Flood Risk - Flood Map Revisions 101**

- Base Flood / 1%-Chance-Flood / 100-Year Flood
- A 100-year flood is not a flood that occurs every 100 years!
- 1% chance of occurring in any given year
- 26% chance of occurring at least once during a 30-year period



#### Flood Insurance - Flood Map Revisions 101

- FEMA provides flood maps and data, mortgage lender makes determination of flood risk
- Federal Law: Mandatory purchase requirement
  - Federally-backed mortgages
  - Buildings located in high-risk flood area (SFHA Zone AE)
- Mortgage lenders: potential additional requirements
  - Buildings located in moderate-risk area (SFHA Zone X)
  - Tax parcels (but not buildings) in SFHA

#### **Closing Cost Details**

Loan Costs	
A. Origination Charges	\$1,802
.25 % of Loan Amount (Points)	\$405
Application Fee	\$300
Underwriting Fee	\$1,097

B. Services You Cannot Shop For	\$672
Appraisal Fee	\$405
Credit Report Fee	\$30
Flood Determination Fee	\$20
Flood Monitoring Fee	\$32
Tax Monitoring Fee	\$75
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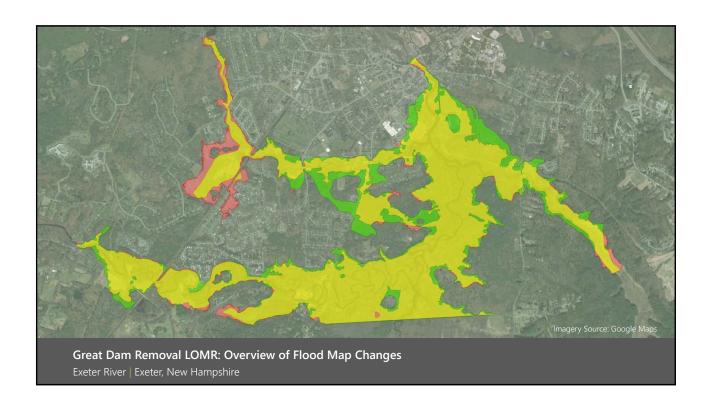
# What if You Dispute Your Flood Hazard Determination?

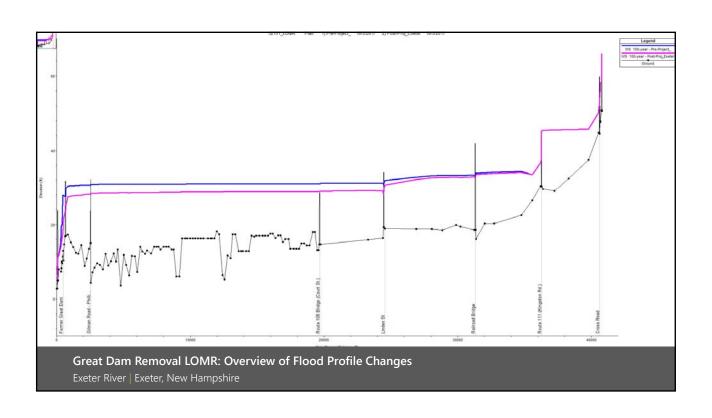
- LODR: Letter of Determination Review
  - The SFHA touches part of your tax parcel, but not the actual house
  - Must submit within 45 days of determination
- LOMA: Letter of Map Amendment
  - Your house is within the SFHA, but the natural ground elevation ground below the house is above the Base Flood Elevation
  - Must be certified by a licensed land surveyor
- LOMR-F: Letter of Map Revision based on Fill
  - You place fill to raise the ground below your house to be above the Base Flood Elevation



#### Flood Map Update: What is Changing?

- Exeter River:
  - Reduced flood area upstream of former Great Dam
  - Reduced flood elevations (2-3 ft between Court St High St)
- Little River:
  - Reduced flood area in downstream portion impacted by backwater from the Exeter River
  - Increased flood area in upstream portion as a result of updated hydrology
- Overall:
  - Reduced/increased flood areas from updated topography



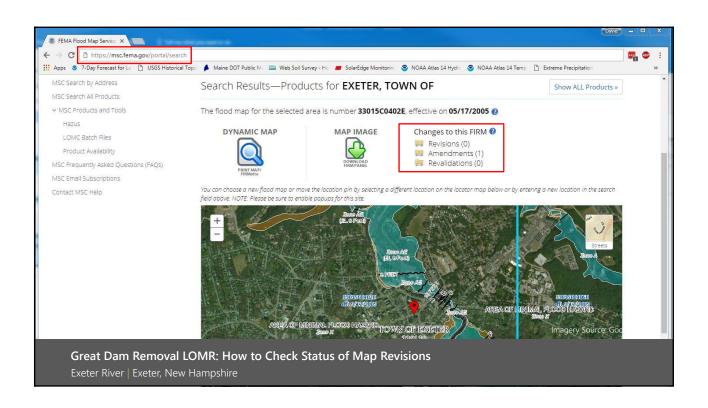


### Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) Timeline

- (October 2016) Dam Removal Complete
- (Spring-Fall 2017) VHB prepares hydraulic analysis and mapping for draft filing, coordinating with Town Engineer and Town Flood Plain Adminstrator prior to for filing to FEMA
- (October 2017) LOMR filing
- (December 2017) technical comments from FEMA, VHB response to comments
- (February 9, 2018) FEMA technical review complete, public notifications required (90-day deadline)
- (May 1, 2018) Public notifications mailed out
- (May 10, 2018) Public Information Session

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- (June-August 2018) FEMA issues LOMR
- (September-November 2018) LOMR becomes effective after 90-day appeal period



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