



City of El Paso

Floodplain Administration Update



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Draft FIRMS & FIS

- Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for El Paso Community released in June, 2010
- Stems from FEMA's national effort to modernize maps
- Changes from current/effective maps:
 - Approx. 9,000 properties now removed from floodplain
 - Approx. 5,300 properties mapped into the floodplain
 - Upper Valley Area largest impact

Parcels in Floodplain by Area

	Total	LV	NE	East	Central	UV	West
Current	33,233	9,342	8,334	3,780	2,493	3,516	5,768
2010 Preliminary	24,484	4,620	6,007	1,230	2,204	8,815	1,608
Difference	-8,749	-4,722	-2,327	-2,550	-289	+5299	-4160



FEMA Adoption Process

- FEMA determines timeline:
 1. 90-Day appeal/protest period for public to provide engineering data
 2. FEMA review period to consider appeals/comments and make revisions
 3. Public notice in local newspaper 6 months in advance of effective date for New Flood Insurance Rate Maps



Appeal/Protest Period

- Effective March 4, 2011-June 2, 2011
 - 90-day appeal and protest period for residents and property owners
 - Opportunity to provide comments and technical information refuting Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insurance Study



Flood Zone Information

- To view current and proposed maps:
City's homepage www.elpasotexas.gov under News & Notices, *FEMA Flood Zone Maps*
- All appeal/ protest information must be submitted to Floodplain Administration for the City not FEMA
 - Information may be submitted electronically at floodzones@elpasotexas.gov
 - Mailing address and phone number:
Floodplain Administration
2 Civic Center Plaza-4th
El Paso, Texas 79901
541-4200
- Properties outside city limits must contact the County Floodplain Administrator (546-2015)



To view the proposed Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), please see maps provided below or visit:

To view the base flood elevation notices online, please visit: http://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/Scripts/bfe_main.asp

Appeal and Protest Information

- [Appeals and Protests, Supporting Data and Documentation](#)
- [Appeals and Protests, Information for Owners](#)
- [Appeals and Protests, Required Support Data and Documentation for Property Owners](#)
- [How to Appeal a Base Flood Elevation](#)

IMPORTANT – this document should be included with each appeal/protest:

- [Application Information for Protest or Appeal of a Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate](#)
- [Flood Insurance Information](#)

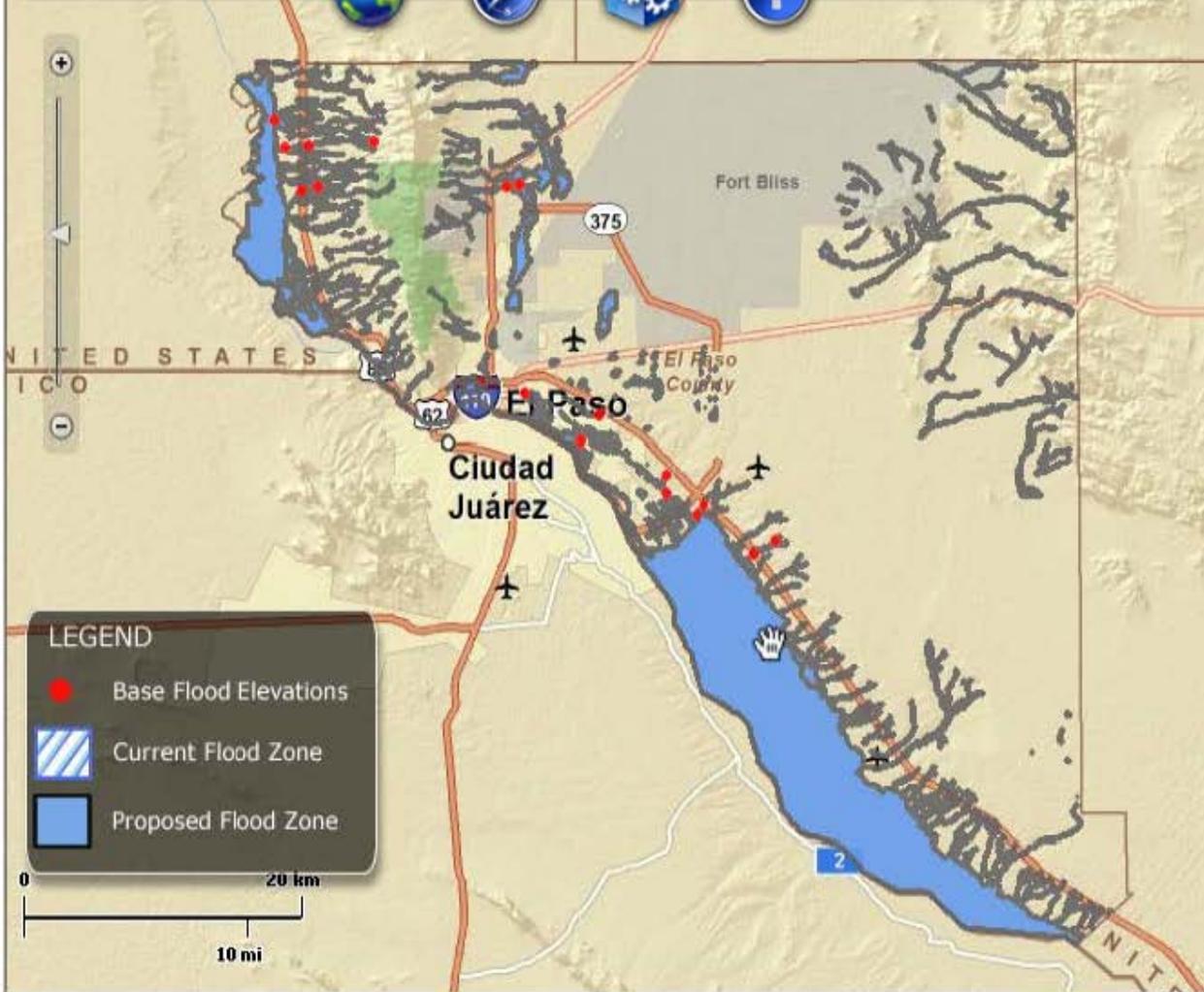
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Or mailed to the following address:
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*For more information, please contact the
Floodplain Administration Office at 541-4200 Or*

 **Engineering & Construction Management**
For more information, please call the Floodplain Administration Office at 915-541-4200 Current Action: Move Map



Layers

Layer Visibility

- Flood Zone Viewer
 - Base Flood Elevations
 - Current Flood Zone
 - Proposed Flood Zone
 - More Layers

Find an Address

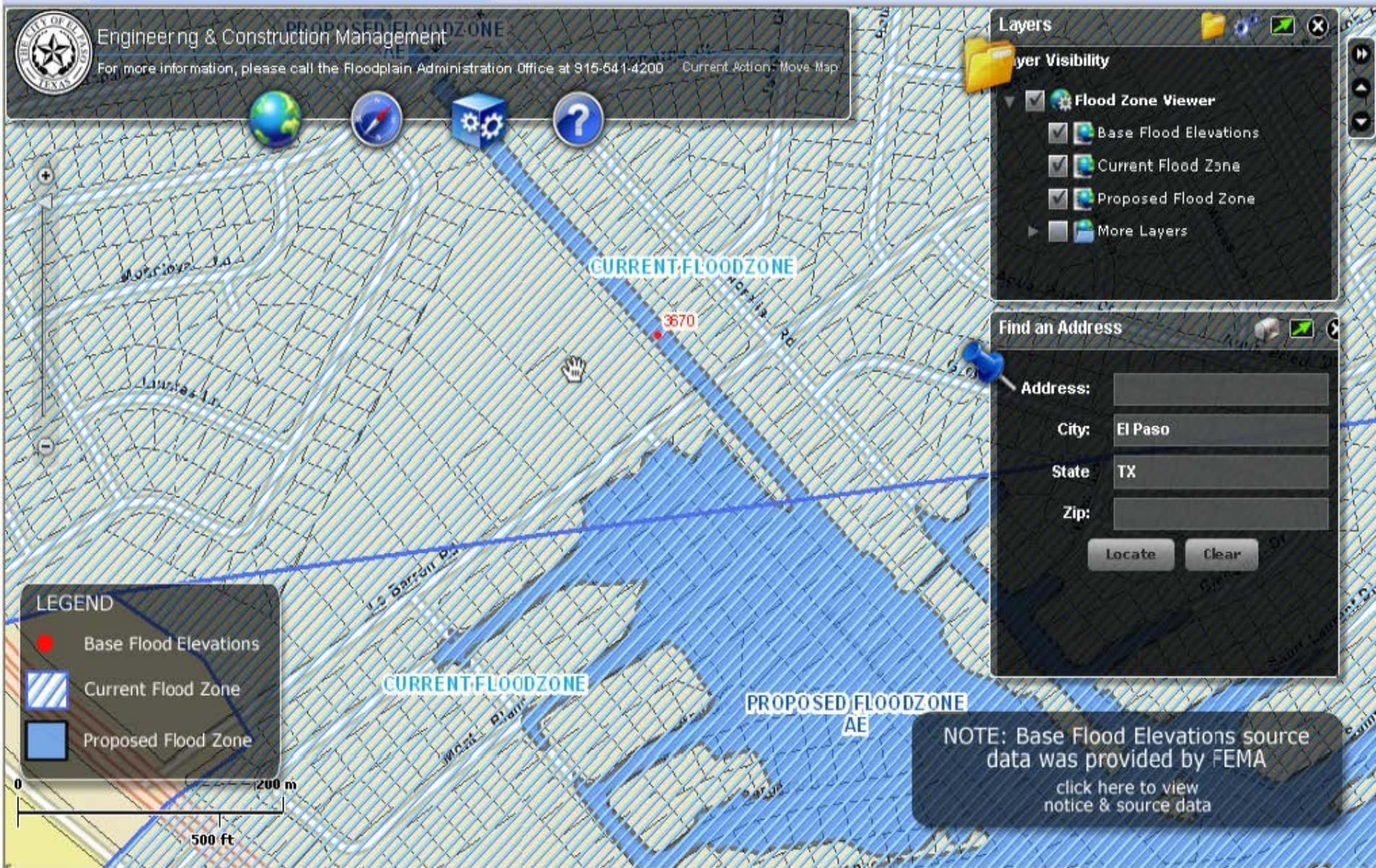
Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

NOTE: Base Flood Elevations source data was provided by FEMA
[click here to view notice & source data](#)





Efforts in Motion

- Continued coordination with local and state partners: *Congressman Reyes' Office, FEMA and International Boundary & Water Commission*
 - Pursuing “Zone A99” designation from FEMA
 - Provided to communities that have achieved adequate progress for construction or restoration projects (levee system)
 - Properties located within zone would receive same insurance rates that would be applicable once work is complete
 - Westside of river (Stateline to Mesilla Dam)
 - Spring 2012
 - Eastside of river
 - To be determined



CRS Update

Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary program for communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program. Seeks to:

- Reduce flood damage to insurable property
- Strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the National Flood Insurance Program
- Encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management
 - Involve state and regional agencies and private organizations that support and assist city, county, and tribal governments



Strategies

- Incentives for communities that go above and beyond:
 - Minimum floodplain management requirements
 - Minimum national standards for construction
- Flood insurance premiums adjusted to reflect community activities that:
 - Reduce flood losses
 - Facilitate accurate insurance rating
 - Promote the awareness of flood insurance



Impact

- Flood insurance premium rates discounted in increments of 5%
 - Class 1 community receives 45% premium discount
 - Class 9 community receives 5% discount
- Today, El Paso has class 9 rating
 - Target Rating of 7 would yield 15% discount
 - 5,259 active policies in 2010
 - Represents savings of approximately \$435,484

CRS Eligible Communities

TX Community	Current Class	% Discount
Plano	5	25
Houston	5	25
Austin	6	20
San Marcos	7	15
Dallas	7	15
Lubbock	8	10
Arlington	8	10
El Paso	9	5
Corpus Christi	9	5
Denton	10	0

Source: <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=3629>



Key Activities Underway

- Adoption of latest building codes
 - 2009 ICC edition
- Creation and implementation of first comprehensive “Outreach Strategy Pilot Program”
- Website Updates
 - Preliminary FIRMS & FIS
 - New Flood Protection Information
 - Electronic copies of elevation certificates
- Field reviews with IBWC, USACE, Stormwater Utility
- Emergency management & preparedness
 - Early warning notification system (reverse notification)



Comments/Questions