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## MISSISSIPPI'S FEMA Risk MAP & FLOOD MAPPING PROGRAM STATUS - QUARTERLY UPDATE

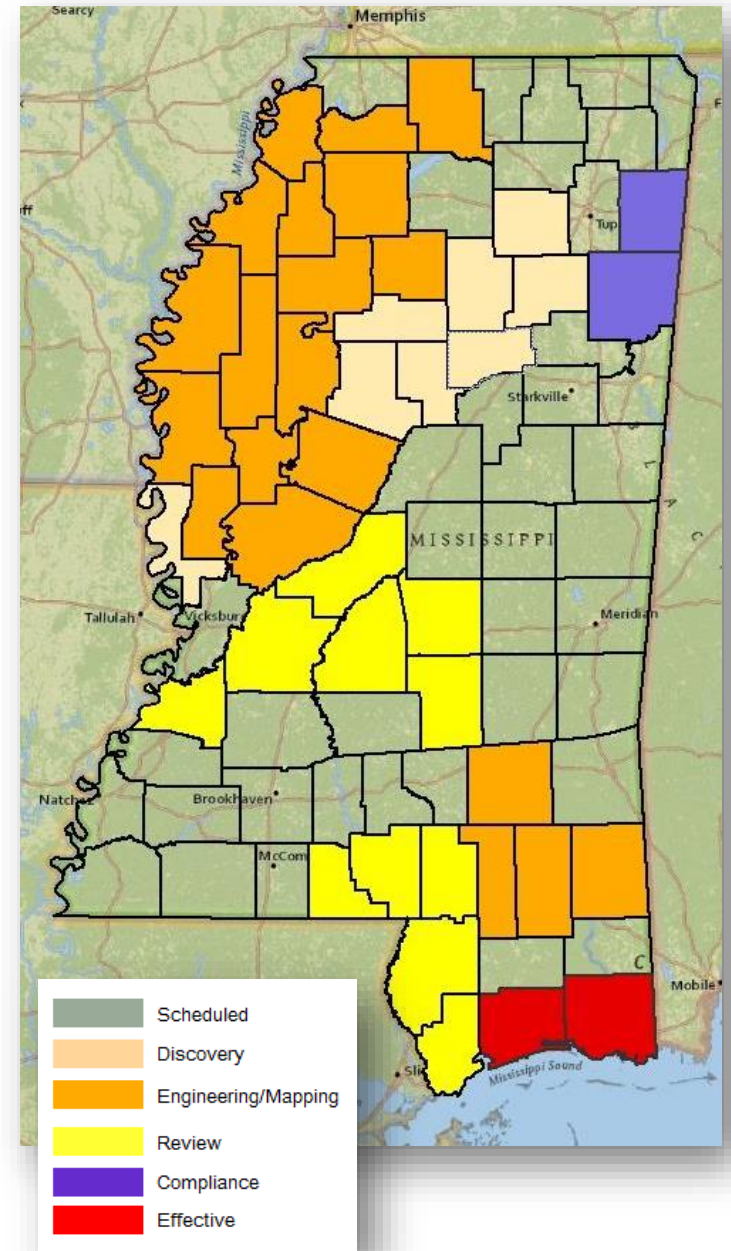
To provide information to Mississippi county, local community officials and other potential stakeholders on the status of ongoing FEMA Risk MAP & Flood Mapping Program projects, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality – Office of Geology is providing this quarterly update. The counties shown in various colors on the map of Mississippi to the right, have current active flood mapping studies. The different colors indicate the phase of study a county is in according to the color-coded legend below. The counties in the Review, Compliance or Effective phases have new preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) which have been posted for review on the MDEQ Flood Mapping website at the following link: <http://geology.deq.ms.gov/floodmaps/Projects/RiskMAP/>

The following table shows HUC\_8 Basins, study status, and dates of important meetings, events and milestones for ongoing Mississippi projects for different counties. For additional information or resources concerning FEMA National Flood Insurance Program Flood Hazard Mapping, go to the following link: <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program-flood-hazard-mapping>

For information on Floodplain Management in Mississippi, go to the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency's (MEMA) following link: <http://www.msema.org/floodplain-management/>

To view FEMA's effective National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) Viewer and to print a NFHL FIRMette or Full Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) go to FEMA's National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) website at: <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-hazard-layer-nfhl>

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COUNTY	HUC_8 BASIN	DISCOVERY MEETING DATE	FLOOD RISK REVIEW MEETING DATE	PRELIMINARY FIRM DELIVERY DATE	PRELIMINARY DFIRM COMMUNITY COORDINATION (PDCC) MEETING DATE	FLOOD RISK OPENHOUSE DATE	APPEAL START DATE	APPEAL END DATE	LETTER OF FINAL DETERMINATION (LFD) DATE	RESILIENCE MEETING DATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
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Harrison, Jackson	MS Coastal	6/14/2012	9/16/2015	2/29/2016	4/12/2016	4/12/2016	9/30/2016	1/3/2017	6/21/2017	7/11/2018	12/21/2017
Hancock	MS Coastal & Lower Pearl River	6/14/2012	9/16/2015	2/29/2016	4/13/2016	4/13/2016	9/30/2016	1/3/2017	TBD		
Pearl River	MS Coastal & Lower Pearl River	2/7/2012	9/16/2015	2/29/2016	4/13/2016	4/13/2016	9/20/2018	12/18/2018			
Lamar, Marion, Walthall	Lower Pearl River	2/27/2012	9/17/2015	3/28/2016	7/29/2016	7/29/2016	9/20/2018	12/18/2018			
Rankin, Scott, Smith	Middle Pearl-Strong	6/26/2011	1/9/2017	2/9/2018	4/10/2018	4/10/2018	TBD	TBD			
Claiborne, Hinds, Madison	Middle Pearl Strong & Lower Big Black	6/26/2012 & 12/13/2012	10/20/2016	2/9/2018	4/12/2018 4/26/2018	4/12/2018 4/26/2018	TBD	TBD			
Itawamba, Monroe	Tenn-Tom LAMP	1/23/2014, 6/12/2014	7/28/2014, 8/11/2014	10/14/2016	2/15/2017, 2/16/2017	2/15/2017, 2/16/2017	8/23/2017	11/20/2017	8/15/2018	NA	2/15/2019
Benton, Coahoma, Desoto, Marshall, Quitman, Tate, Tunica	Coldwater Basin	3/26/2014	9/6/2018	Planned 11/14/2018							
Panola, Tallahatchie, Yalobusha	Tallahatchie Basin	2/20/2014	TBD	Planned 2/13/2019							
Bolivar, Coahoma, Humphreys, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Washington	Big Sunflower Basin	7/9/2013	7/12/2018	Planned 11/14/2018							
Jasper, Jones, Wayne, Lamar, Forrest, Perry, Greene	Lower Leaf Basin	11/5/2015	TBD	Planned 5/20/2019							
Leflore, Carroll, Humphreys, Holmes, Yazoo	Upper Yazoo Basin	12/3/2013	TBD	Planned 5/1/2019							
Bolivar, Issaquena, Sharkey, Warren, Washington	Deer-Steele Basin	6/26/2018	TBD	TBD							

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Calhoun, Carroll, Chickasaw, Grenada	Yalobusha Basin	6/27/2018	TBD								
Prentiss, Tishomingo, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe, Chickasaw, Lowndes, Clay	Upper Tombigbee Basin	PLANNED EARLY 2019									
Rankin	Pearson Levee LAMP Project - City of Pearl	11/2/2017, 1/13/2018, 9/11/2018	TBD								
Carroll, Grenada, Leflore	Potococowa Levee LAMP Project - Carroll Co.	Planned 10/22/2018									

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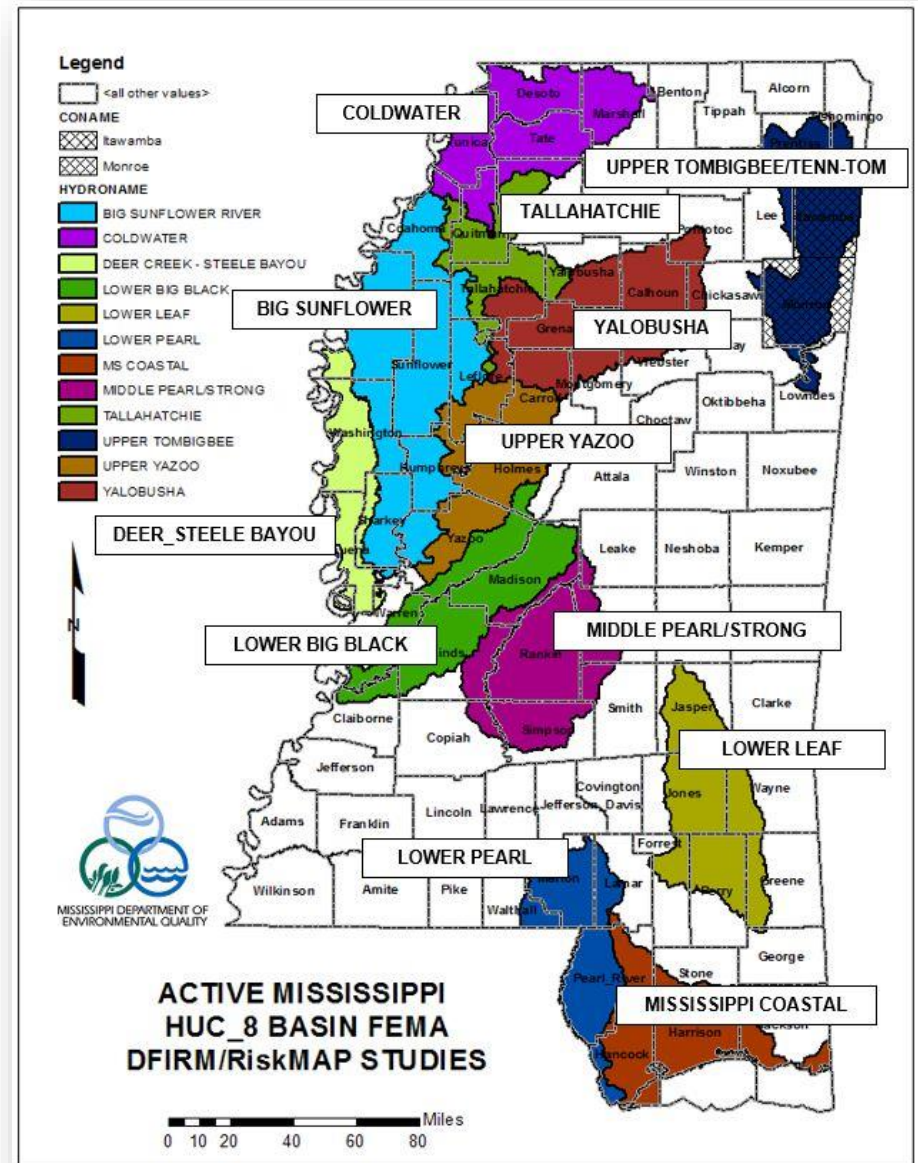
Past Flood Map Meetings with different Mississippi communities.

## Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (Risk MAP)

**What is Risk MAP?** Not only is flooding one of the most common and costly disasters, flood risk can also change over time because of new building and development, weather patterns and other factors. Although the frequency or severity of impacts cannot be changed, FEMA is working with federal, state, tribal and local partners across the nation to identify flood risk and promote informed planning and development practices to help reduce that risk through the Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (Risk MAP) program.

Risk MAP is the successor to FEMA's Map Modernization (Map Mod) program and expands the focus to include risk assessment, mitigation planning, and traditional hazard identification (flood mapping or DFIRM) activities. Risk MAP is meant to help better inform communities as they make decisions related to reducing flood risk by implementing mitigation actions. Where Map Mod studies were county-wide based, Risk MAP studies are based on HUC\_8 basins and may include portions or all of multiple counties and cities/towns. In addition to the traditional DFIRM regulatory products, non-regulatory products will be delivered to the communities to help in their flood mitigation and planning activities. The map to the right shows the 12 different currently active Risk MAP HUC\_8 Basin projects in Mississippi.

Risk MAP provides high quality [flood maps and information](#), [tools to better assess the risk from flooding](#) and planning and outreach support to communities to help them take action to reduce (or [mitigate](#)) flood risk. Each Risk MAP flood risk project is tailored to the needs of each community and may involve different products and services. To learn more about the [goals and long-term vision of Risk MAP](#), how the program works and what it means for you go to FEMA's Risk MAP website at the following link: <https://www.fema.gov/risk-mapping-assessment-and-planning-risk-map#>



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