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A Working Group is an organized collection of local stakeholders recognized by the local government to participate in a floodplain mapping project.

Why Form a Working Group?

- Working Groups ensure that a community's best interests are being applied to a floodplain mapping project.
- An organized group will provide local feedback and review draft floodplain data for accuracy and sensibility. Your community will get better floodplain maps.
- Many decisions that would otherwise be made by government employees or contractors will be made by your own community.
- Your Working Group will inform elected officials and your citizens about the project and notify them of review opportunities.
- Communities that actively participate end up with sensible floodplains they believe in, and face fewer problems and angry citizens.
- Floodplain updates happen infrequently, so the regulatory floodplains resulting from a project are likely to impact your community for many years. It is too important not to participate.

What Will a Working Group Do?

- Attend a Working Group workshop held locally to learn how floodplain maps are made and to learn project details.
- Review the project scope to ensure it is appropriate for your community and that all that should be done is being done.
- Collect and provide local information that may improve the project and mapping.
- Ask questions. Speak up if something doesn't seem or look correct.
- Be a source of information for local residents and businesses and notify them of review and comment opportunities.
- Ensure the community believes the maps are correct before they are finalized.
- Groups will likely need to meet every few months, but can meet as often or as rarely as the community sees fit.
- It will not be overly time consuming or include heavy work loads.

Essentially the Working Group will look after your community to make sure your citizens are being treated fairly and are getting a quality floodplain map.

Who Should be on the Working Group?

- Community elected officials, community operating officials, local homeowners, local business representatives, industry representatives, etc.
- The group should represent the various stakeholders in your community that will be affected by new floodplain mapping.



Questions? Feel Free to Contact Us.

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