

## Temple Planning Board Public Announcement

**December 21, 2022**

The Town of Temple recently received PRELIMINARY copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Hillsborough County for review and comment.

These Preliminary updates panels are within the Merrimack Watershed. The panels that touch the Contoocook Watershed will be updated at a later date.

FEMA is requesting that members of our community review these maps before they are finalized. This review period provides community officials and citizens in the affected communities with an opportunity to identify changes or corrections to non-technical information, such as corporate limits, road names, and stream names. Comments may be sent to Scott Olson, Project Manager, U.S. Geological Survey, at [solson@usgs.gov](mailto:solson@usgs.gov). Please include [TemplePlanning@TempleNH.org](mailto:TemplePlanning@TempleNH.org) so that we may track any questions or concerns.

There is also a 90 day appeals process to address modifications to Base Flood Elevations (BFEs), base flood depths, SFHAs, flood zone designations, or regulatory floodways. Appeals must be supported by scientific or technical data.

Once the comments and appeals periods have ended, the new FIRM will take effect approximately 7 to 10 months later, likely sometime in 2024.

Temple does not currently participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. The Temple Planning Board will be reviewing these maps, and developing an ordinance with assistance from the state NFIP Floodplain Administrator, to present to voters in March 2024. If adopted, all residents, not just those located in SFHAs, may take advantage *if they choose to*, of the reduced NFIP insurance rates.

Please review these maps carefully to see if your property is located in a SFHA (Zone A). The map may also be viewed online by going to <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload/>.

For more information about the National Flood Insurance Program in New Hampshire, go to <https://www.nh.gov/osi/planning/programs/fmp/index.htm>.

Email [TemplePlanning@TempleNH.org](mailto:TemplePlanning@TempleNH.org) with any questions.

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