



BOULDER COUNTY FLOODPLAIN REMAPPING NEWSLETTER

4th Edition – Winter 2017

In this edition of the Floodplain Remapping Project newsletter, we provide an update on the Colorado Water Conservation Board's (CWCB) floodplain remapping program (CHAMP) and Boulder County's efforts to provide online access to this information. We also highlight the process happening this spring to adopt these new maps and related floodplain development code into the county's regulatory framework.

Colorado Hazard Mapping Program (CHAMP) Update

Since December, Boulder County has been hosting a series of reach-specific public meetings to provide landowners throughout unincorporated Boulder County the opportunity to review and comment on draft floodplain data on Phase I stream reaches (see map below) near their properties. Over 100 residents attended these meetings and many more have used our online comment form to provide feedback. We appreciate the input provided so far. Boulder County encourages you to attend a follow-up meeting where we will provide maps from each stream reach within this phase of study for public review.

PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

Open House
Draft Map Review for
Phase I stream reaches
in unincorporated
Boulder County

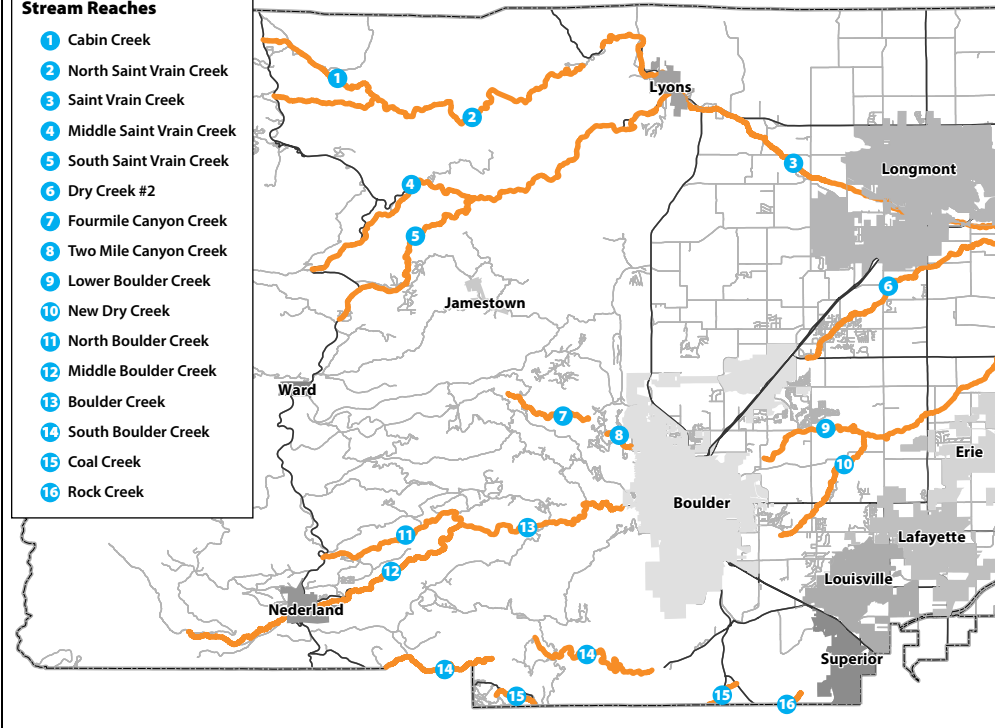
**Thursday,
Feb. 23, 2017
4 to 7 p.m.**

Boulder County Clerk
& Recorder's Office
(Houston Room)
1750 33rd St., Boulder

**RSVP at Boulder
County website**

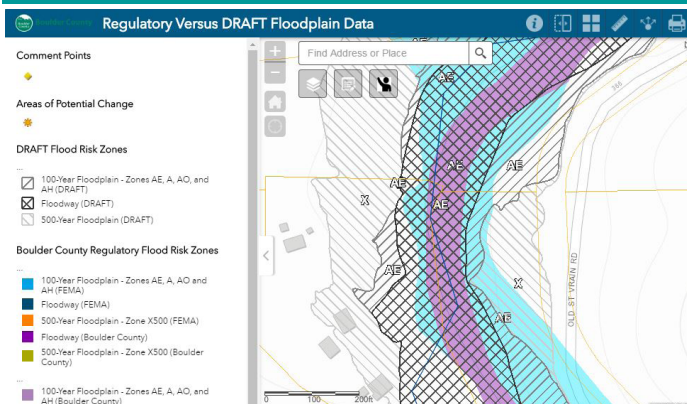
Stream Reaches

- 1 Cabin Creek
- 2 North Saint Vrain Creek
- 3 Saint Vrain Creek
- 4 Middle Saint Vrain Creek
- 5 South Saint Vrain Creek
- 6 Dry Creek #2
- 7 Fourmile Canyon Creek
- 8 Two Mile Canyon Creek
- 9 Lower Boulder Creek
- 10 New Dry Creek
- 11 North Boulder Creek
- 12 Middle Boulder Creek
- 13 Boulder Creek
- 14 South Boulder Creek
- 15 Coal Creek
- 16 Rock Creek



For more remapping project information,
visit www.BoCoFloodplainRemapping.com

Viewing maps online & providing comments



A website has been established for the purpose of viewing draft maps areas as data becomes available. Comments can be attached directly to specific areas on the online map and the county's Floodplain Management Team will work to answer questions and provide clarification as comments are received. Users can also change the map style, turn layers on and off, and access other online resources relevant to remapping.

Ultimately, all landowner feedback received during this map review period will be submitted to the CHAMP team for consideration prior to their submitting map data to

FEMA for official review. Additional input will be taken during a 90-day FEMA appeals period later in 2017. View the maps by visiting the county's [Floodplain Remapping Project website](#).

Upcoming Adoption of Maps as Boulder County Floodplain

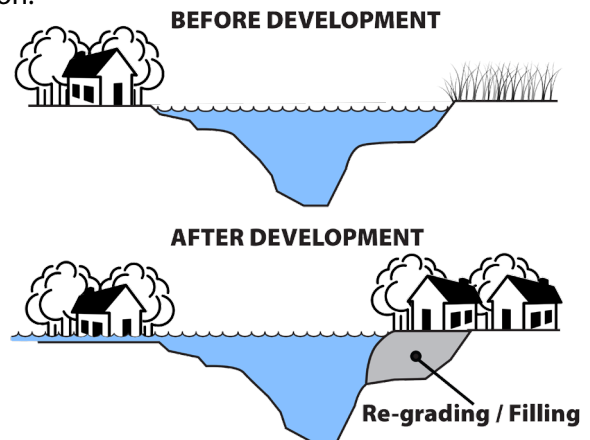
Boulder County is a high risk area for flooding hazards. In order to mitigate risk, the county is working to ensure that new floodplain data is accurate and is the best available for managing floodplain development to ensure health and safety of Boulder County residents and property. The adoption process includes zoning amendments to the Floodplain Overlay District and related code language clarification.

Expected next steps include:

- 💧 A Planning Commission public hearing will take place to propose map adoption and related zoning & code amendments (likely April 2017).
- 💧 Based on the Planning Commission recommendation, it will go to the Board of County Commissioners ('BOCC') for public hearing.
- 💧 If approved by the BOCC, the new map data will be incorporated into the Floodplain Overlay District as a part of the Boulder County Floodplain.

Follow the process via updates to our website:

www.BoCoFloodplainRemapping.com



This graphic shows how hazardous increases in water surface elevations can be caused by floodplain development. When we use floodplain maps to inform zoning and regulations, we are better able to prevent these high-risk conditions in our community.

Stay informed about future developments

Websites

Boulder County has a website dedicated to the floodplain remapping process:

www.BoCoFloodplainRemapping.com.

This website provides general information about regulatory floodplains, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and CHAMP activities, including a link to CHAMP's website.

Newsletters & Listserv

Boulder County will email newsletters regularly as updated information is available for our residents. Each newsletter will provide updates on the CHAMP process as well as other information relevant to the regulatory floodplain remapping process. The newsletters will also be available on the website.

Boulder County also manages a listserv that any interested person can register for and receive regular updates about the floodplain remapping process.

Not on our remapping listserv? Registration is available on the Boulder County remapping website.

Watershed Coalitions

Boulder County will be partnering with the Fourmile, St. Vrain, Little Thompson, Coal Creek, and Left Hand watershed coalitions to distribute newsletters to all members.

Social Media

Important news will also be distributed via Boulder County's social media outlets on Facebook and Twitter at www.facebook.com/bouldercounty and www.twitter.com/BoCoDOT.

Community Meetings

No additional meetings to review Phase I map data are scheduled at this time. Details on any future meetings will be advertised via a news release at the time and in subsequent newsletters.

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In Our Next Newsletter:

As we move forward with new mapping in the county, we'll provide updates on what these maps mean for floodplain insurance premiums and what options are available to you as a landowner. We'll keep you updated on the Phase II timeline for our second round of draft maps and also let you know about additional opportunities for input along the way.

All Boulder County residents are eligible for flood insurance because even homes not located near the floodplain may suffer flood damage. You can learn more about flood insurance at www.floodsmart.gov.



FloodSmart.gov
The Official site of the NFIP