COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Stormwater Management	Presenter(s):	Vanessa Birrell
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, November 7, 2012	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Discussion of the Floodplain Management Program and recent Class 6 recertification through the National Floodplain Insurance Program Customer Rating System.

Background/History/Details:

Fayette County received notification of being recertified as a Class 6 community in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Customer Rating System (CRS) program. The county participates in the NFIP and CRS as part of goals and objectives set forth in the federally required Fayette County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Additionally, CRS participation provides a flood insurance premium discount to communities that implement floodplain management activities above and beyond minimum federal requirements and, more importantly, helps reduce the potential for response by emergency services to flooded areas in the county.

Obtaining a Class 6 rating allows residents who are required by mortgage companies to buy flood insurance to receive up to a 20% discount if their property contains an area of special flood hazard and a 10% discount if it does not. Unincorporated Fayette County has approximately 2,500 parcels in flood zone areas. To date 175 flood insurance policies with total annual premiums of $477, 617 have been issued. Approximately $55,679 is saved annually with Fayette County's Class 6 rating. Unincorporated Fayette County is 1 of 7 communities in Georgia and 1of 176 communities in the United States to obtain a Class 6 rating.

Achievements allowing this rating are: enforcement of the MNGWPD Floodplain ordinance that requires higher standards than the federal regulations and the watershed protection buffers that are measured from FEMA floodplain boundaries; reduction in repetitive flood loss homes; GIS floodplain mapping and floodplain education.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

No action is requested. This discussion is for informational purposes only.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	Yes	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

“The Three-Legged Stool”

NFIP balances three related programs:

Flood Insurance

Provisions for property owners in participating communities

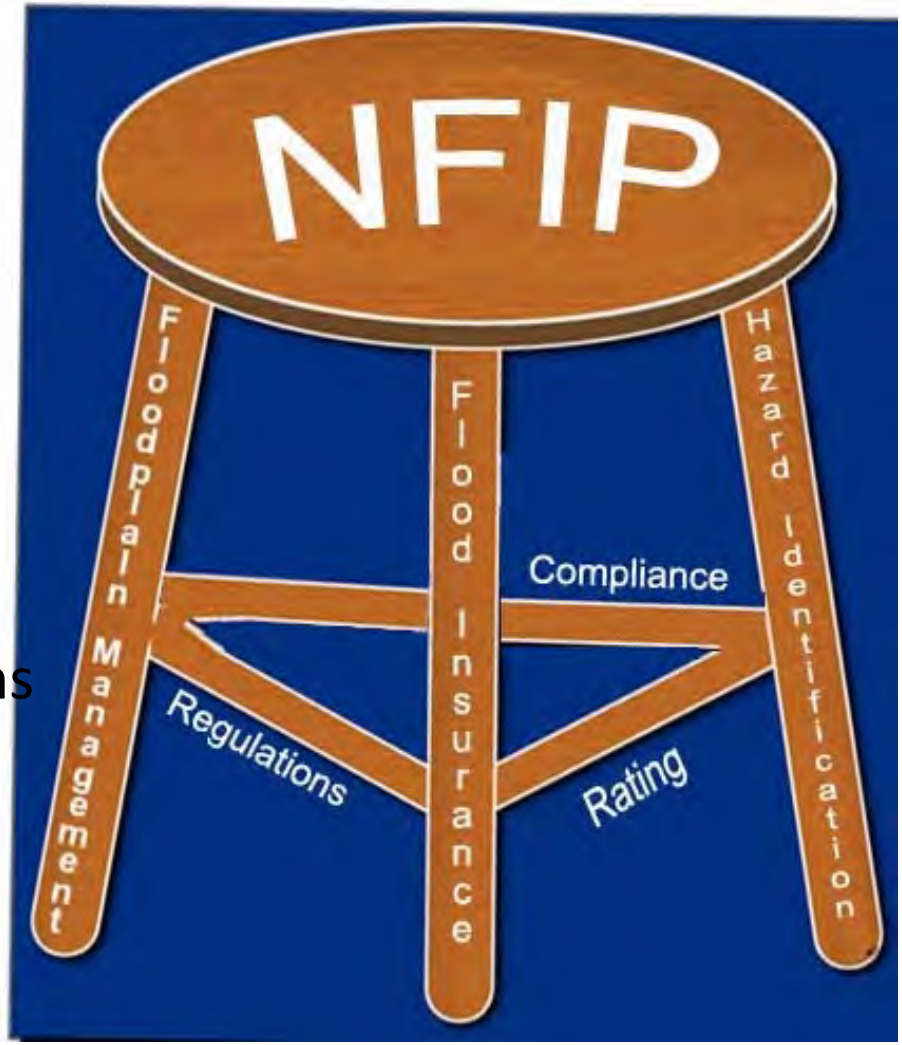
Floodplain Management

Federal, State and Local regulations

Flood Hazard Mapping

FIRM maps

Future Conditions maps



FLOOD INSURANCE

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

- Self-supporting program
- Offers federally-backed flood insurance
- Communities must adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances
- Flood insurance is required for all secured loans made by a federally regulated or backed lending institution

Community Rating System (CRS)

- Available in NFIP communities
- Provides flood insurance premium discounts
- Communities must engage in ***floodplain management*** activities above NFIP minimums ***(federal regulations).***

CRS Mapping and Regulatory Activities

- Additional Flood Data
- Open Space Preservation
- Higher Regulatory Standards
- Flood Data Maintenance
- Stormwater Management

CRS Flood Protection Activities

- Floodplain Management Plan
- Acquisition and Relocation
- Flood Protection (Retrofitting)
- Drainage system maintenance

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

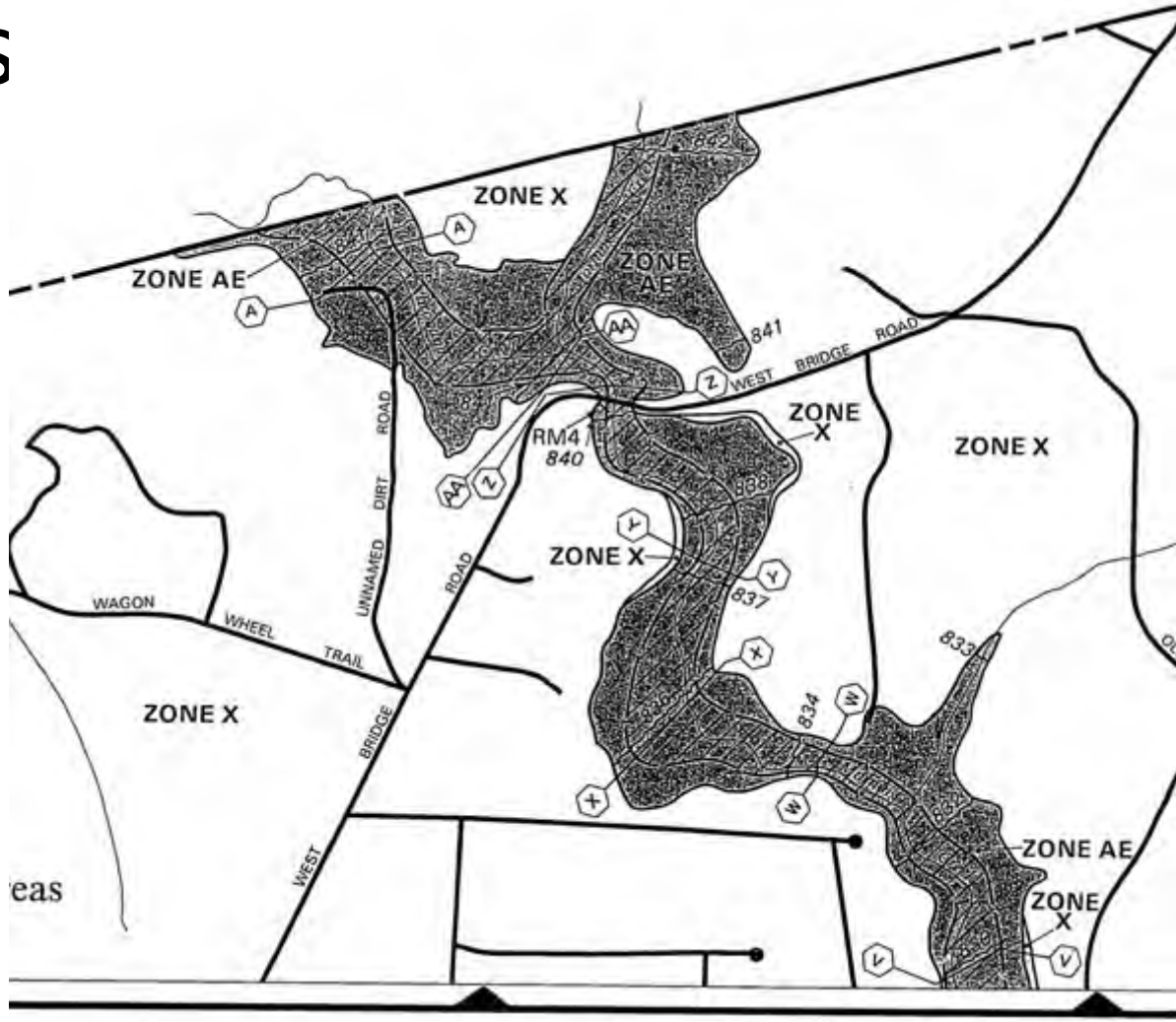
Floodplain Management ***(Regulations)***

- Federal – 44 CFR Sections 59-77
  - Describe program and terms
  - Provides minimum floodplain management criteria for communities to adopt and enforce
- State – Coordinator
  - Must approve local ordinance
  - Reviews for standards set forth by Metropolitian North Georgia Watershed Planning District
    - Future Conditions Floodplain Mapping

FLOODPLAIN MAPPING

Flood Ins

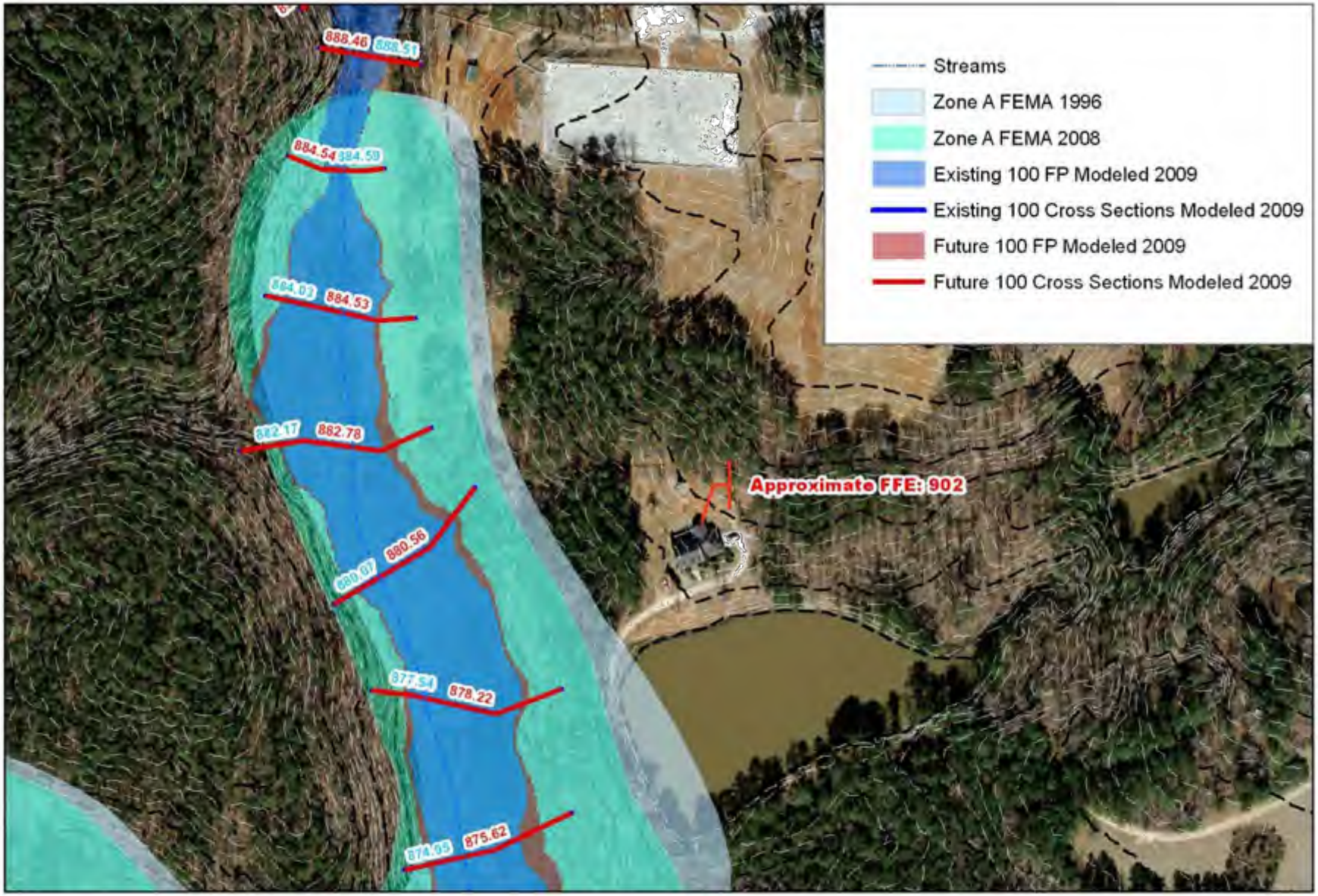
- FIRM Panel Map
  - Dated 1996
  - Known AE zone
  - Relationship to parcels is not known



Digital FIRM Map

Adopted in 2008

GIS Layers



Fayette County GEORGIA

1 inch = 200 feet

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