FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map Update
Acronym Key (handout)

**BFE - Base Flood Elevation** The elevation to which floodwater is anticipated to rise during the base flood

**FIRM - Flood Insurance Rate Map** the regulatory map depicting flood hazards that is used to administer the NFIP

**LAG - Lowest Adjacent Grade** lowest ground elevation beside a structure

**LFD – Letter of Final Determination** Notice in the Federal Register that the maps will be updating in approximately six months

**LOMA - Letter of Map Amendment** usually for one structure or lot

**LOMC - Letter of Map Change (collectively)** Includes LOMA and LOMR

**LOMR - Letter of Map Revision** (usually for a larger area to document a change to the flood zone boundary)

**NFIP – National Flood Insurance Program** reduces the impact of flooding

**SFHA - Special Flood Hazard Area** (often called “flood zone”) areas inundated by flood waters during the base flood event

**SOMA – Summary of Map Actions** document listing how letters of map change will be handled during map update process