

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