There are 12 coastal municipalities in Lincoln County that have enough flood zones that may be candidates for the project. Monhegan is an Unorganized Territory (UT) under the jurisdiction of the Land Use Planning Commission so interface would be with LUPC staff. The others would require interface with Planning Boards or Boards of Selectmen but in some cases there may not be any interest at all.

This project will evaluate on a case-by-case basis whether or not the 0.2% storm would be a better vehicle than the 1% storm and then create suitable ordinance provisions. If the 0.2% storm is better it would create some uncertainties as far as work effort is concerned since none of the towns now have any information on it. Crafting ordinance recommendations would be more complex in the later instance.

This project will create a Google Earth based application that will allow local officials and property owners to visualize the extent of flooding potentially associated with rising seas based on newly issued FEMA FIRMS for Lincoln County. LCRPC staff will prepare amendments to local flood ordinances to allow communities to better protect new construction from sea level rise and will meet with planning boards and boards of selectmen as appropriate to review the sea level rise-flood maps and discuss suggested ordinance amendments.

For more information