

## Coastal Risk and Hazards Commission

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## Office of Energy & Planning

- Policy and coordinating agency
- Promote the principles of smart growth
- Manage programs that provide community services (i.e. floodplain management)
- Promote energy and land use efficiency
- Explore opportunities to expand use of renewable, domestic energy resources



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## Energy Initiatives

- Key concern: deliverable fuels
- Floods & other weather events can disrupt delivery of fuels due to damage of transportation infrastructure and port closures
  - Key fuel storage terminals on the banks of the Piscataqua River
- Coordinates energy assurance & emergency response planning activities



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## Planning Initiatives

### State Development Plan (RSA 9-A)

- State's overall planning document; guide for all state agencies; principles of smart growth
  - (8) A natural hazards section which identifies actions to improve the ability of the state to minimize damages from future disasters that affect land and property subject to such disasters.



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## Floodplain Management Program

- Coordinates FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program
- Provides technical assistance and outreach on floodplain management
  - Floodplain regulations
  - Floodplain mapping
  - Flood insurance

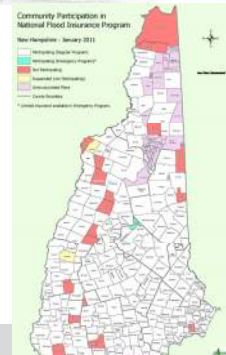


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## NFIP Participation in New Hampshire

- 214 communities (91%) participate
- 21 communities (9%) do not participate
- 2 communities are suspended



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## FEMA NH Coastal Map Project



### Tentative Dates

#### Preliminary Maps

Late Feb 2014

#### Map Meetings

Late March 2014

#### Final Maps

Mid 2015

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## FEMA NH Coastal Map Project

- Conducting community floodplain ordinance reviews for minimum compliance
  - Adoption needed in 2015
- Promote higher floodplain regulations
  - Freeboard
  - Setbacks
  - Critical facility protection
- Promote Community Rating System



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## OEP Existing Statutes/Regs/Policies

### Actions/changes needed?

- State Executive Order 96-4
  - An order for state agencies to comply with the floodplain requirements of all local communities participating in the NFIP
  - Does not include counties, school districts



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## OEP Interactions

- FEMA
  - Coastal Adaptation Workgroup
  - Workshops and outreach
  - CRS Tool Kit
- NH GRANIT
  - FEMA Mapping Contractor – Coastal Project
  - Coastal Grants
- Communities
  - Outreach and floodplain ordinance reviews
  - Energy assurance planning



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Thank you

