

Town of Windsor Locks



MEMORANDUM

February 27, 2024

APPEAL PERIOD TO OPEN FOR PROPOSED FEMA FLOOD HAZARD DETERMINATIONS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the Town of Windsor Locks. The maps are due to become effective in November of 2025. The impact of these new maps may include additions or modifications of special flood hazard areas, changes in base flood elevations or depths, and flood zone designation changes.

On or about February 21, 2024 and February 28, 2024, FEMA published notice of the proposed flood hazard determinations in the Hartford Courant. The significance of the publication is to start a 90-day appeal period, beginning February 28, 2024. Any owner or lessee of real property who believes his or her property rights will be adversely affected by the proposed flood hazard determinations may file an appeal. The sole basis for an appeal is the possession of knowledge or information indicating that the proposed flood hazard determinations are scientifically or technically incorrect.

Property owners are encouraged to review the preliminary maps at the FEMA Flood Map Service Center online [here](#). If there are any questions about the new maps and the effect on property, the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) Customer Care Center may be contacted at 1-877-336-2627 or online [here](#). Please also refer to the information provided by CDM Smith/Compass, linked [here](#).

All appeals can be sent or emailed to FEMA or CDM Smith (FEMA's mapping contractor) at the contacts below:

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Helpful Resources

- **Appeals and Comments, Information for Property Owners:**
 - https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_appeals-comments-info-property-owners.pdf
- **FEMA Region I Map Update Guide:**
 - <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/747e0a9bcde14ad09323d3cb9a181e9d>

This guide provides a general overview of the map update process.

- **Map Changes and Flood Insurance:**
 - https://agents.floodsmart.gov/sites/default/files/fema_nfip_map-changes-flood-insurance-property-owners-09-2023.pdf

This publication provides residents with information on flood insurance requirements that may result from a flood map change.

- **Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Studies (FIS):** <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/prelimdownload/>

Select “Connecticut” as the State, Select “Hartford County” as the County from the drop down boxes. This website provides a total list of the affected panels in the watershed. Below is a list of affected panels by community.

For a resident to find which flood map panel pertains to their address, they should first go to the FEMA Map Service Center website <https://msc.fema.gov> and type their address into the search box.

Windsor Locks (Hartford County) Affected Flood Map Panels

Windsor Locks: 212, 216, 218, 219, 238

- **FEMA Flood Map Changes Viewer:**
 - <https://fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=e7a7dc3ebd7f4ad39bb8e485bb64ce44>

This viewer will show the preliminary panel and has an address search box.

- **FEMA Flood Hazard and Risk Data Viewer:**
 - <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/e492db86d9b348399f4bd20330b4b274/page/Page/?views=Sea-Level-Dataset%2CPrelim>

On left hand side under the category Preliminary Flood Hazard Data, click on “View Map” to see the preliminary flood maps. You can also search by address. To see current flood map for comparison, under the category of Effective Flood Hazard Data, click on “View Map”. Data layers can be turned on and off in the upper right corner.