

FEMA Flood Risk Mapping Project

Santa Rosa Creek Watershed

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FEMA Flood Risk Mapping Project

- FEMA is developing **official flood maps** for the City of Santa Rosa.
- New maps identify **Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs)** — high-risk flood zones.
- Properties in SFHAs:
 - Subject to stricter building standards.
 - May be required to carry **flood insurance** if they have a federally backed mortgage.

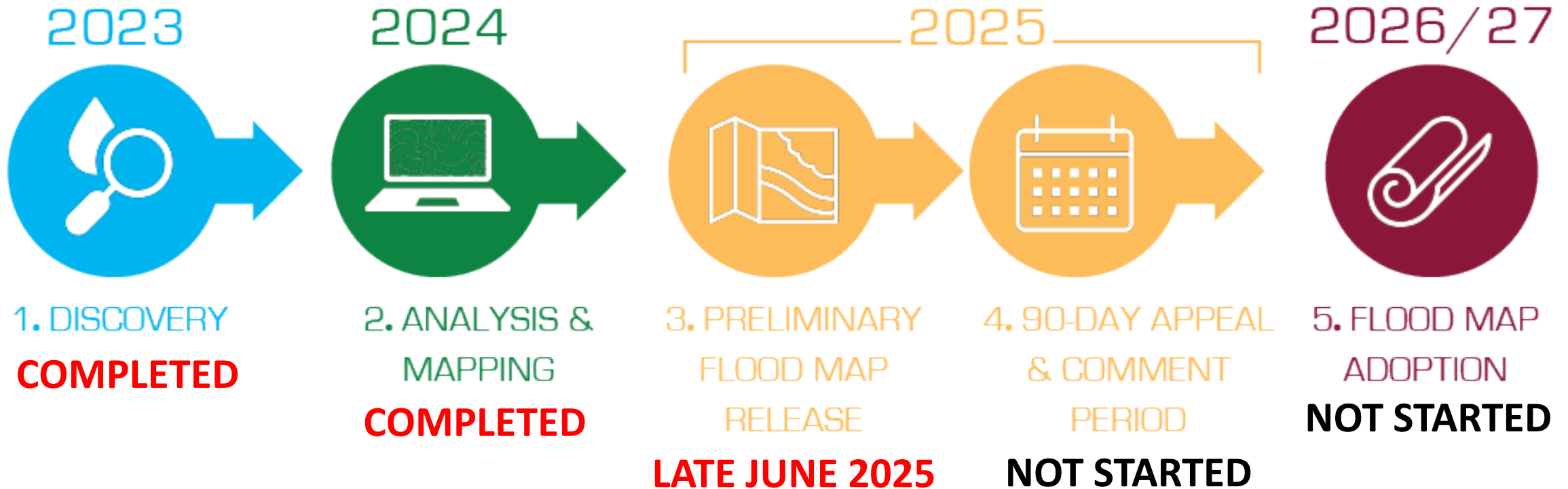


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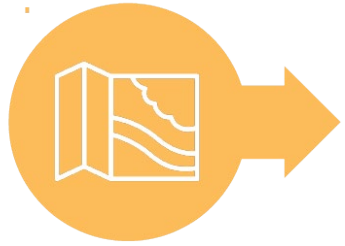
Project Benefits

- **Assessing flood risk will help our community** make informed decisions about where to live, what to build, and how to protect homes and businesses.
- The flood maps will also help City officials **develop strategies for improving our resiliency**, such as infrastructure improvements and future development, thereby contributing to a safer city.

Project Timeline



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Preliminary Map Release

- **Preliminary maps** identify properties now considered within SFHAs.
 - Residents and businesses will be notified
 - City/County to coordinate community meeting with FEMA and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) prior to 90-day public comment & appeal period.
- GIS flood mapping tools will be available online:
[SRCity.org/FEMAFloodMapping](https://srcity.org/FEMAFloodMapping)
- Updated FEMA flood maps may affect insurance requirements and building or development standards.
- Estimated preliminary map release: **Late June 2025**



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90-Day Appeal/Comment Period

- **Appeals:** Must be based on **scientific or technical errors** and supported by certified data.
- **Comments:** For corrections like **road names** or **place names**.
- Detailed information about this process will be available online at:
SRCity.org/FEMAFloodMapping
- Estimated 90-day public appeal and comment period opens: **Winter 2025/2026**



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Flood Map Adoption

- **FEMA** sends a Letter of Final Determination, including effective date, for new flood maps.
- Residential and commercial property owners with a federally-backed loan or mortgage located in the SHFA will need to obtain flood insurance, as required by their lender.
- New maps will be available through FEMA's Flood Map Service Center.
- Community members may submit data to amend or revise flood maps through FEMA's **Letter of Map Amendment or Revision** process.
- Estimated Effective Map Date: **Spring 2027**



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Flood Insurance Requirements and Options

- **Required** for properties, both residential and commercial, with federally backed mortgages located in SFHAs.
- **Renters:**
 - Can purchase their own flood insurance policies.
 - Standard renters' insurance does not cover flood damage.
- **Discount Opportunities:**
 - Community Rating System (CRS)
 - Risk Rating 2.0
 - Newly Mapped and Pre-FIRM Statutory (legally mandated) Discounts
- **Resources for Residents:**
 - Visit [FloodSmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov) for quotes, provider options, and educational tools.
 - Call the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Help Center at 877-336-2627 for personalized assistance.

Communications and Outreach

- **Communicating with Residents**

- Direct mailing to properties identified within Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs).
- Email updates via the City's GovDelivery mailing list. To signup, visit: SRCity.org/FEMAFloodMapping

- **Community Meeting**

- City to host public meeting with FEMA and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) representatives to explain the flood map updates and answer questions.

Community Resources



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Mapping and Insurance eXchange
Customer Care Center

Phone:

877-FEMA-MAP (877-336-2627)

Email:

FEMA-FMIX@fema.dhs.gov

Web:

fema.gov/flood-maps



SRCity.org/FEMAFloodMapping

- FEMA Mapping Project Updates and resources
- Sign up for email updates
- FAQs
- Contact Information