



Project Timeline Milk River Floodplain Maps Update

Estimated Completion

2019-2021 All Communities	Hill County-Late 2024 Blaine County-Mid 2025 Phillips County- Early 2025 Valley County-Mid 2025	Hill County-early 2025 Blaine County-mid to late 2025 Phillips County- mid 2025 Valley County-mid to late 2025	Hill County-late 2025 Blaine County-mid 2026 Phillips County- early 2026 Valley County-mid 2026	Hill County- 2027 Blaine County-2028 Phillips County- 2027 Valley County- 2028
<p>Measurements are made of the topography around the river, along with any culverts, bridges, and road crossings. LiDAR uses an airplane to collect ground elevation over a large area, and ground survey supplements the airborne data. Flood flow data determine how much water there will be in a river during a flood event.</p>	<p>The elevation and survey data are combined with the flood flow data to determine where the water will go when it overflows the channel and how far it will spread out. The area shown to be underwater and at high risk is mapped as the regulatory floodplain.</p>	<p>Draft data is delivered to the communities. Public open houses will be conducted for landowners to review the information.</p>	<p>FEMA Preliminary Maps are produced and ready for public review and comment period. A second public open house is usually conducted to review the information. 90-day official comment & appeal period held.</p>	<p>FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps finalized.</p>
<p>Data gathering</p>	<p>Engineering and floodplain modeling</p>	<p>Draft Data available public review</p>	<p>Preliminary Data public comment and appeal period</p>	<p>Flood Insurance Rate Maps become effective</p>

Flood Study Conducted

4 steps of a flood study.

- 1) Survey & LiDAR
- 2) Hydrology (flood flow)
- 3) Hydraulics (engineering)
- 4) Mapping (delineation)

Public Review

A public open house is held after draft data is available and before preliminary maps are released.

During this time public comments are encouraged. There will be an official 90-day appeal period after the maps become preliminary.

Resiliency and Mitigation efforts

Once the flood study is completed the community can determine what mitigation efforts it would like to pursue to reduce flood risks.

Community Work

Update local floodplain ordinances.

Prepare initiatives to reduce flood risk.