

PRELIMINARY FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

A Report of Flood Hazards in
SCOTLAND COUNTY, NORTH
CAROLINA AND
INCORPORATED AREAS



Community Name	Community Number
CITY OF LAURINBURG	370222
SCOTLAND COUNTY	370316
TOWN OF EAST LAURINBURG	370359
TOWN OF GIBSON	370566
TOWN OF WAGRAM	370360



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FOREWORD

This countywide Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report was produced through a unique cooperative partnership between the State of North Carolina and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The State of North Carolina has implemented a long-term approach to floodplain management to decrease the costs associated with flooding. This is demonstrated by the State's commitment to map floodplain areas at the state level. As a part of this effort, the State of North Carolina has joined with FEMA in a Cooperating Technical State (CTS) agreement to produce and maintain this FIS Report and the accompanying digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for North Carolina.

NOTICE TO FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY USERS

Communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program have established repositories of flood hazard data for floodplain management and flood insurance purposes. This Flood Insurance Study (FIS) may not contain all data available within the repository. It is advisable to contact the community repository for any additional data.

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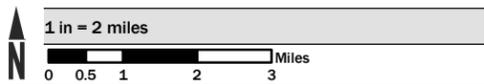
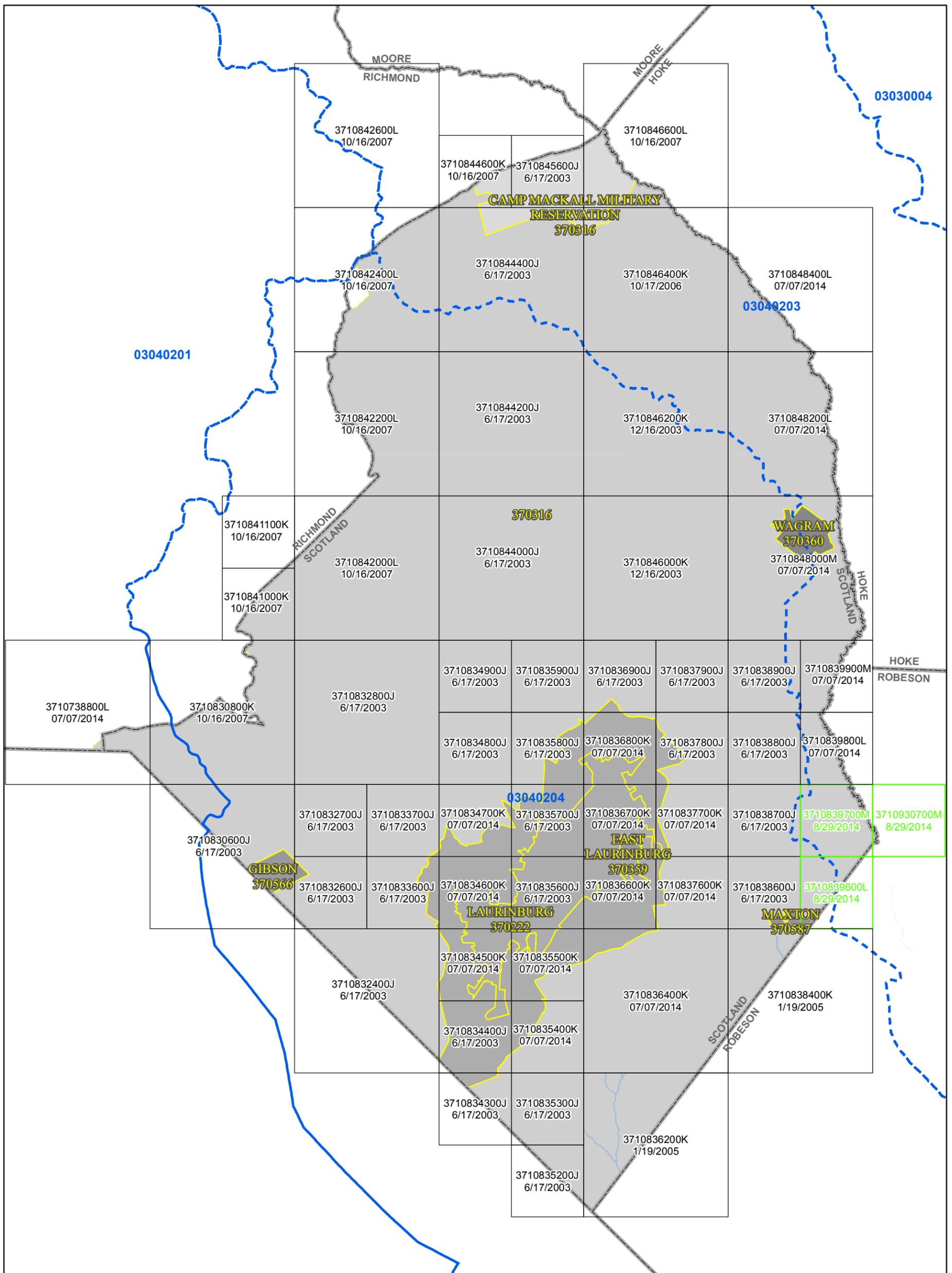
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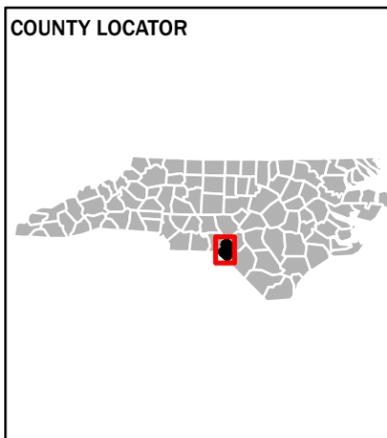
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1.0 Introduction

1.1 The National Flood Insurance Program

In 1968, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in response to the rising cost of taxpayer-funded disaster relief for flood victims and the increasing amount of damage caused by floods. The NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance available in communities that agree to adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances to reduce future flood damage. Federally backed flood insurance is available in more than 19,000 communities across the United States and its territories.

The NFIP is managed by the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration manages the insurance component of the NFIP and oversees the flood hazard mapping and the floodplain management aspects of the program.

The NFIP, through involvement with communities, the insurance industry, and the lending industry, helps reduce flood damage by nearly \$800 million a year. Further, buildings constructed in compliance with NFIP building standards suffer approximately 80% less damage annually than those not built in compliance. In addition, every \$3 paid in flood insurance claims saves \$1 in disaster assistance payments. The NFIP is self-supporting for the average historical loss year, which means that operating expenses and flood insurance claims are not paid by the taxpayer, but through premiums collected for flood insurance policies.

Additional information of interest to homeowners, community officials, insurance companies, lenders, and study contractors is available in Section 9.0 of this FIS Report and on the NFIP Internet homepage at <http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/>.

1.2 Purpose of this Flood Insurance Study

Flood Insurance Studies (FISs) are one of the primary means by which the NFIP administers the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, and the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994. FISs develop flood risk data that are used to establish actuarial flood insurance rates. The information in this FIS Report will also be used by Scotland County and the jurisdictions therein (hereinafter referred to collectively as Scotland County) to facilitate the adoption and maintenance of floodplain management ordinances, which form the basis of communities' continued participation in the NFIP. Minimum requirements for participation in the NFIP are set forth in Title 44, Part 60, Section 3 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR 60.3). In some States and/or communities, floodplain management criteria or regulations may exist that are more restrictive than the minimum Federal requirements. In such cases, the more restrictive criteria will take precedence, and the State and/or community (or other jurisdictional agency) will be able to explain them.

This FIS investigates the existence and severity of flood hazards in, or revises and updates previous FISs for, the geographic area of Scotland County, North Carolina, including the jurisdictions listed in Table 1.

Table 1 - Jurisdictions in Scotland County

Community	Included in this FIS	If Not Included, Location of Flood Hazard/Flood Insurance Rate Data
CITY OF LAURINBURG	Yes	*
SCOTLAND COUNTY	Yes	*
TOWN OF EAST LAURINBURG	Yes	*
TOWN OF GIBSON	Yes	*
TOWN OF WAGRAM	Yes	*

1.3 FIS Components

A Flood Insurance Study (FIS) is an analysis of flood hazards, typically presented as a set of Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels and the FIS Report, which includes a set of Flood Profiles and/or Water-surface elevation rasters.

Flood Insurance Study Report

The FIS Report provides a context for the information shown on the FIRM, as well as a summary of the data upon which the analyses are based. It also includes an index of sources of additional information on the NFIP.

1.4 Considerations for Using this Flood Insurance Study Report

The NFIP encourages State and local governments to implement sound floodplain management programs. To assist in this endeavor, each FIS Report provides floodplain data, which may include a combination of the following: 10-, 4-, 2-, 1-, and 0.2-percent annual chance flood elevations (the 1% annual chance flood elevation is also referred to as the Base Flood Elevation (BFE)); delineations of the 1% annual chance and 0.2% annual chance floodplains; and 1% annual chance floodway. This information is presented on the FIRM and/or in many components of the FIS Report, including Flood Profiles, Floodway Data tables, Summary of Non-Coastal Stillwater Elevations tables, and Coastal Transect Parameters tables (not all components may be provided for a specific FIS).

It is, therefore, the responsibility of the user to consult with community officials by contacting the community repository to obtain the most current FIS Report components. Communities participating in the NFIP have established repositories of flood hazard data for floodplain management and flood insurance purposes. Community map repository addresses are provided in Table 27, "Map Repositories," within this FIS Report.

New FIS Reports are frequently developed for multiple communities, such as entire counties. A countywide FIS Report incorporates previous FIS Reports for individual communities and the unincorporated area of the county (if not jurisdictional) into a single document and supersedes those documents for the purposes of the NFIP.

The Initial Countywide FIS Report for Scotland became Effective on 6/17/2003. Refer to Table XX for information about subsequent revisions to FIRMs.

Selected FIRM panels for the community may contain information (such as floodways and cross sections) that was previously shown separately on the corresponding Flood Boundary and Floodway Map panels. In addition, former flood hazard zone designations have been changed as follows:

Old Zone	New Zone
A1 through A30	AE
V1 through V30	VE
B	X (shaded)
C	X (unshaded)

FEMA does not impose floodplain management requirements or special insurance ratings based on Limit of Moderate Wave Action (LiMWA) delineations at this time. The LiMWA represents the approximate landward limit of the 1.5-foot breaking wave. If the LiMWA is shown on the FIRM, it is being provided by FEMA as information only. For communities that do adopt Zone VE building standards in the area defined by the LiMWA, additional Community Rating System (CRS) credits are available. Refer to Section 2.5.4 for additional information about the LiMWA.

The CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements. Visit the FEMA Web site at <http://www.fema.gov> or contact your appropriate FEMA Regional Office for more information about this program.

Previous FIS Reports and FIRMs may have included levees that were accredited as reducing the risk associated with the 1% annual chance flood based on the information available and the mapping standards of the NFIP at that time. For FEMA to continue to accredit

the identified levees, the levees must meet the criteria of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44, Section 65.10 (44 CFR 65.10), titled "Mapping of Areas Protected by Levee Systems.

Since the status of levees is subject to change at any time, the user should contact the appropriate agency for the latest information regarding levees presented in Table 9 of this FIS Report. For levees owned or operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), information may be obtained from the USACE national levee database. For all other levees, the user is encouraged to contact the appropriate local community.

FEMA has developed a Guide to Flood Maps (FEMA 258) and online tutorials to assist users in accessing the information contained on the FIRM. These include how to read panels and step-by-step instructions to obtain specific information. To obtain this guide and other assistance in using the FIRM, visit the FEMA Web site at <http://www.fema.gov>.

2.0 Floodplain Management Applications

Flood events of a magnitude expected to occur with a 10%, 2%, 1%, or 0.2% annual chance have been selected as having special significance for developing sound floodplain management programs. These events, commonly termed the 10-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year floods, have a 10%, 2%, 1%, and 0.2% chance, respectively, of being equaled in any given year. Therefore, FIS Reports typically determine water-surface elevations for floods with these probabilities. The FIRM delineates 1% and 0.2% annual chance floodplains and 1% annual chance floodway boundaries, and depicts 1% annual chance flood elevations, rounded to the nearest foot, to assist in developing floodplain management measures.

2.1 Floodplains

To provide a national standard without regional discrimination, the 1% annual chance flood has been adopted by FEMA as the base flood for floodplain management purposes. A 1% annual chance flood, or base flood, is defined as that having a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The 1% annual chance floodplains shown on the FIRM identify areas that are expected to be inundated by the 1% annual chance flood. This 1% annual chance floodplain is also called a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), where the NFIP's floodplain management regulations must be enforced by the community as a condition of participation in the NFIP. The 0.2% annual chance floodplain is employed to indicate additional areas of flood risk associated with exceptionally severe floods.

2.2 Floodways

Encroachment on floodplains such as that caused by placement of structures and fill reduces flood-carrying capacity, increases flood heights and velocities, and increases flood hazards in areas beyond the encroachment itself. One aspect of floodplain management involves balancing the economic gain from floodplain development against the resulting increase in flood hazard. For purposes of the NFIP, floodways are provided as a tool to assist local communities in this aspect of floodplain management. Under this concept, the 1% annual chance riverine floodplain is divided into a floodway and a floodway fringe. The floodway is the channel of a stream, plus any adjacent floodplain areas, that must be kept free of encroachment so that the 1% annual chance flood can be carried without substantial increases in flood heights. Figure 1, "Floodway Schematic," illustrates this principle. Minimum Federal standards limit such increases to 1.0 foot, provided that hazardous velocities are not produced. The floodways in this FIS are presented to local agencies as a minimum standard that can be adopted directly or that can be used as a basis for additional encroachment studies.

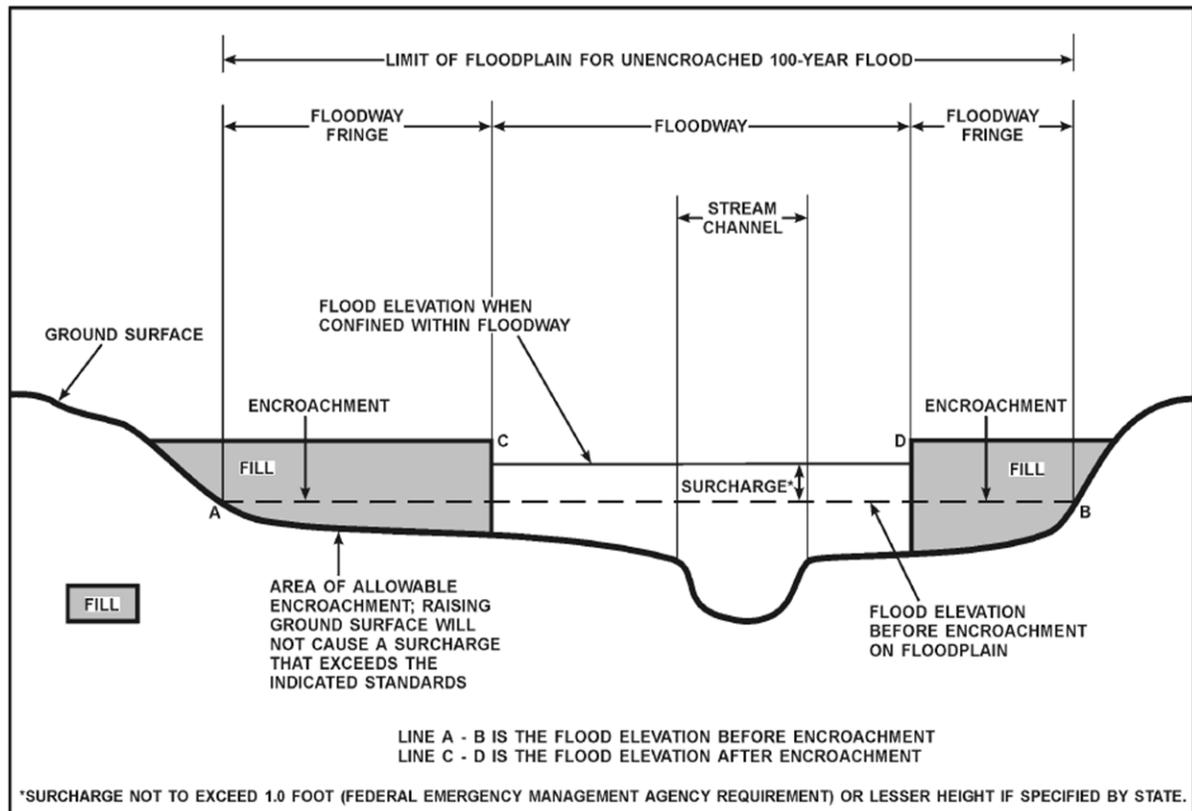


Figure 1- Floodway Schematic

2.3 Base Flood Elevations

The hydraulic characteristics of flooding sources were analyzed to provide estimates of the elevations of floods of the selected recurrence intervals. The Base Flood Elevation (BFE) is the elevation of the 1% annual chance flood. These BFEs are most commonly rounded to the whole foot, as shown on the FIRM, but in certain circumstances or locations they may be rounded to 0.1 foot. Cross section lines shown on the FIRM may also be labeled with the BFE rounded to 0.1 foot. Whole-foot BFEs derived from engineering analyses that apply to coastal areas, areas of ponding, or other static areas with little elevation change may also be shown at selected intervals on the FIRM. Cross sections with BFEs shown on the FIRM correspond to the cross sections shown in the Floodway Data table and Flood Profiles in this FIS Report. BFEs are primarily intended for flood insurance rating purposes. For construction and/or floodplain management purposes, users are cautioned to use the flood elevation data presented in this FIS Report in conjunction with the data shown on the FIRM.

2.4 Watershed Characteristics

Because a FIS is a probability analysis that may not account for some of the factors listed below, communities are strongly encouraged to consider adopting more restrictive or higher floodplain management criteria or ordinances than the minimum Federal requirements. Communities may also increase the validity of their flood hazard data by investing in continuous maintenance of river gages (see the Data Validity and Reliability paragraph below). If the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) or other agencies do not maintain gages on the flooding sources of interest, partnerships with the USGS may be pursued, or local gages may be installed. For more information, see Section 9.0 of this report.

This flood hazard study represents an analysis of certain watershed characteristics, some of which are summarized as follows:

Drainage Area

In general, streams that drain larger areas have greater flood hazards. FISs, in North Carolina, do not typically analyze flood hazards in places with rural drainage areas of less than one square mile and within urban drainage areas of less than ½ square mile.

Soil Permeability and Infiltration

Differences in the types of soil and the amount of vegetation in a watershed have a significant effect on the amount of water that the soil can absorb; soils with a high sand content absorb much more water than soils with a high clay content. The presence of vegetation increases infiltration; the presence of pavement decreases infiltration and also speeds runoff to receiving waters. As soil permeability and infiltration decrease, the volume and rate of overland flow increases.

Soil Moisture Conditions

In addition to soil permeability and infiltration, the level of the water table helps determine the saturation point, beyond which no water is absorbed. As rainfall duration increases, the height of the water table increases.

Channel and Floodplain Geometry

The geometric contour of a streambed, termed channel geometry, and the geometric contour of a floodplain determine the volume of water that a channel can hold and partially determine the rate at which water flows through it.

Channel and Floodplain Roughness

The roughness of a surface affects the characteristics of runoff whether the water is on the surface of the watershed or in the channel.

FIS Reports include analyses of how these factors will combine to produce overland flow patterns during floods that have a certain probability of occurring in any given year. Although the recurrence interval represents the long-term average period between floods of a specific magnitude, rare floods could occur at shorter intervals or even within the same year. The risk of experiencing a rare flood increases when longer periods are considered. For example, the risk of having a flood which equals or exceeds the 1% annual chance flood (1% chance of annual exceedence) in any 50-year period is approximately 40% (4 in 10), but for any 90-year period, the risk increases to approximately 60% (6 in 10).

It is important to note that the 1% annual chance flood is used as the national standard to allow a consistent approach to floodplain management, flood hazard assessment, and flood hazard mapping. In any given community, a number of factors may result in flooding characteristics that do not conform to predicted conditions. Therefore, the determination that an area is not shown on the FIRM as being within a Special Flood Hazard Area is no guarantee that it will not flood during a 1% annual chance flood. Examples of these factors include Data Validity and Reliability; Developmental and Topographic Changes Over Time; Erosion, Deposition, and Debris Flow; and Meandering and Lateral Migration.

Data Validity and Reliability

Certain types of analysis methods yield more justifiable characterizations of flood hazards. For example, a gage analysis, to determine peak discharges, is based on actual measurements of watershed conditions over time and, therefore, is typically considered the most accurate method of hydrologic analysis. However, it is not feasible to install enough gages to gather data on every stream. In addition, for many of the gage sites that do exist, there are interruptions in the period of record. The usefulness of gage data for the purpose of predicting flooding behavior decreases with interruptions in the period of record; predicted flooding conditions over a 100-year period based on 20 years of measurements spread over a 35-year period are less valid than those based on 30 years of continuous measurements. A regression analysis is typically considered the best method in the absence of gage data, as it uses gage data from watersheds with similar characteristics to estimate flood frequency and magnitude in an ungaged watershed. Regression equations reflect average conditions for a region; therefore, the results will not exactly match the results of a gage analysis at a particular location. The standard errors of the North Carolina rural regression equations range from 44 to 51 percent for estimates of the 1% annual chance flood. That means the difference between the results of the regression equation and the gage analysis for approximately two-thirds of the locations that gage data exists are within 44 to 51 percent of the gage analysis results. A rainfall-runoff hydrologic analysis may be used for gaged or ungaged watersheds, and can estimate the effects of storage areas and flood control structures and measures. This method is most valid when calibrated against historical data.

Developmental and Topographic Changes Over Time

A FIRM is based on the best topographic and planimetric information available to FEMA and the State of North Carolina at the time the study is produced. In time, however, development and/or natural phenomena can alter the physical characteristics of a watershed and its drainage channels, resulting in changes in the flood hazards in those areas. For example, constructing a housing subdivision reduces the amount of soil that is available to absorb water; this in turn causes an increase in the volume of surface water that flows

into the channel.

Erosion, Deposition, and Debris Flow

The flood hazards shown on a FIRM are based on the assumption of unobstructed flow. The FIRM does not reflect an analysis of areas that are subject to erosion caused by the increased water-surface elevations and velocities that occur during flooding. In addition to the risks of landslides or a weakening of the ground underneath roads or structures, any sediment that is removed from one location will be deposited in another; accumulated deposits may have a pronounced effect on flood hazards in those areas. Similarly, debris such as fallen trees or branches, litter, or other items may obstruct stream channels or hydraulic structures, increasing water-surface elevations, velocities, and floodplain width.

Meandering and Lateral Migration

FISs are based on the assumption that channel geometry will remain stable during normal drainage and during flood events. This assumption is valid for most streams, which flow over bedrock or between bedrock outcroppings that form non-alluvial channels. However, alluvial streams change the channel geometry with time, significantly so during flood events. Alluvial streams are subject to erosion and deposition, which may result in braided or meandering channels. Streams of this type may be characterized by lateral migration, or channel shifting, in which the stream may change course entirely during a flood. Whenever clear evidence is available, a FIRM will identify the alluvial nature of a studied flooding source and designate wider floodways to allow for potential migration. However, these floodways are based on qualitative assessments and not on quantitative geomorphic and engineering analyses.

2.5 Coastal Flood Hazard Areas

This section is not applicable to this FIS project.

3.0 Insurance Applications

3.1 National Flood Insurance Program Insurance Zones

For flood insurance applications, the FIRM designates flood insurance rate zones and, in 1% annual chance floodplains that were studied by detailed methods, shows selected whole-foot BFEs or average depths. Insurance agents use the zones and BFEs in conjunction with information on structures and their contents to assign premium rates for flood insurance policies. Table 2, "Flood Zone Designations," includes a description of each type of flood hazard zone.

Table 2 - Flood Designations

Zone	Description
A	Zone A is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the 1% annual chance floodplains that are determined in the FIS Report by approximate methods. Because detailed hydraulic analyses are not performed for such areas, no Base Flood Elevations or depths are shown within this zone.
AE	Zone AE is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the 1% annual chance floodplains that are determined in the FIS Report by detailed methods. In most instances, whole-foot Base Flood Elevations derived from the detailed hydraulic analyses are shown at selected intervals within this zone.
AH	Zone AH is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the areas of 1% annual chance shallow flooding (usually areas of ponding) where average depths are between 1 and 3 feet. Whole-foot Base Flood Elevations derived from the detailed hydraulic analyses are shown at selected intervals within this zone.
AO	Zone AO is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the areas of 1% annual chance shallow flooding (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain) where average depths are between 1 and 3 feet. Average whole-foot depths derived from the detailed hydraulic analyses are shown within this zone.
AR	Zone AR is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to areas that were formerly protected from the 1% annual chance flood by a flood control system that was subsequently decertified. Zone AR indicates that the former flood control system is being restored to provide protection from the 1% annual chance or greater flood.
A99	Zone A99 is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to areas of the 1% annual chance floodplain that will be protected by a Federal flood protection system where construction has reached specified statutory milestones. No Base Flood Elevations or depths are shown within this zone.

V	Zone V is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the 1% annual chance coastal floodplains that have additional hazards associated with storm waves. Because approximate hydraulic analyses are performed for such areas, no Base Flood Elevations are shown within this zone.
VE	Zone VE is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to the 1% annual chance coastal floodplains that have additional hazards associated with storm waves. Whole-foot Base Flood Elevations derived from the detailed hydraulic analyses are shown at selected intervals within this zone.
X	Zone X is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to areas outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain, areas within the 0.2% annual chance floodplain, and to areas of 1% annual chance flooding where average depths are less than 1 foot, areas of 1% annual chance flooding where the contributing drainage area is less than 1 square mile, and areas protected from the 1% annual chance flood by levees. No Base Flood Elevations or depths are shown within this zone.
X (Future)	Zone X (Future Base Flood) is the flood insurance risk zone that corresponds to the 1-percent-annual-chance floodplains that are determined based on future-conditions hydrology. No BFEs or base flood depths are shown within this zone.
D	Zone D is the flood insurance rate zone that corresponds to unstudied areas where flood hazards are undetermined, but possible.

3.2 Coastal Barrier Resources System

This section is not applicable to this FIS project.

4.0 Area Studied

Scotland County is found in the Coastal Plain region of North Carolina. It is surrounded by Hoke County to the northeast, Robeson County to the southeast, and Richmond County to the west.

4.1 Basin Description

Table 3, "Basin Description" contains a description of the characteristics of the HUC-8 sub-basins within which each community falls. The table includes the main flooding sources within each basin, a brief description of the basin, and its area.

Table 3 - Basin Description

HUC-8 Sub-Basin Name	HUC-8 Sub-Basin Number	Primary Flooding Source	Description	HUC Area (square miles)
Little Pee Dee	03040204	Little Pee Dee River	The Little Pee Dee River Basin headwaters are in Richmond and Scotland Counties. The basin then flows south into South Carolina, draining portions of Robeson and Columbus Counties in North Carolina, ending at the Pee Dee River.	1,368
Lower Pee Dee	03040201	Pee Dee River	The Lower Pee Dee River Basin begins in Anson and Richmond Counties in North Carolina and drains southeast through South Carolina towards Winyah Bay and the Atlantic Ocean.	2,532
Lumber	03040203	Lumber River	The Lumber River Basin headwaters are in Montgomery and Moore County. The basin then drains significant portions of Bladen, Columbus, Hoke, and Robeson Counties before confluencing with the Little Pee Dee River in South Carolina.	1,753

4.2 Principal Flood Problems

Table 4, "Principal Flood Problems" is not applicable in Scotland County.

4.3 Historic Flood Elevations

Hurricane Floyd (9/16/1999)

Hurricane Floyd made landfall near Wilmington with category two winds of 105 to 110 mph. Rainfall totals from Floyd were as high as 15 to 20 inches over portions of eastern North Carolina; with a record of 23.45 inches of rain falling in the month of September at

Wilmington, NC. This breaks the previous record of 21.12 inches set in July 1886. These rains combined with saturated ground from previous rain events, including Hurricane Dennis, to produce an inland flood disaster. There were 74 deaths in the United States, including 52 in North Carolina, due to drowning from flood waters. This makes Floyd the deadliest U.S. hurricane since Agnes in 1972. Data from the USGS indicate that eleven of their stream gage monitoring sites in North Carolina (Ahoskie, Rocky Mount, Hilliardston, White Oak, Enfield, Tarboro, Lucama, Hookerton, Trenton, Chinquapin, and Freeland) exceeded 0.2% annual chance flood levels due to Floyd. Total losses in North Carolina approach \$5 billion with an estimated \$3.5 billion in damages to North Carolina homes, businesses, roads, and infrastructure. Floyd passed relatively close to the entire U.S. east coast, justifying hurricane warnings from Florida to Massachusetts and requiring an estimated two million people to evacuate. The last hurricane to require warnings for as large a stretch of coastline was Hurricane Donna in 1960.

Hurricane Bonnie (8/26/1998)

The landfall location of Bonnie was in southern North Carolina near Cape Fear very close to landfall of both Hurricanes Bertha and Fran in 1996. Even though a powerful storm, damage from Bonnie was much less than Fran, which was also Category 3. Winds gusted up to 100 knots and storm tides of 5 to 8 feet above normal were reported mainly in eastern beaches of Brunswick County, while a storm surge of 6 feet was reported at Pasquotank and Camden Counties in the Albemarle Sound.

Hurricane Fran (9/5/1996)

The landfall location of Fran near the city of Wilmington and its progression into the Raleigh-Durham area caused an estimated \$1.275 billion in damage in North Carolina alone. Fran hit with gusts up to 105 mph and a storm surge of approximately 16 feet. Over \$1 billion in damage was reported in North Topsail Beach and Surf City and 23 people were killed.

Hurricane Bertha (7/12/1996)

1996 was a damaging year in the hurricane history of North Carolina. Tropical Storm Arthur, Hurricane Bertha, and Hurricane Fran all made direct landfall on the North Carolina coastline. It was the most active tropical cyclone season in the state since 1955, when Hurricanes Connie, Diane, and Lone all hit the coast. Bertha entered North Carolina in North Topsail Beach with 105 mph gust and a storm surge of approximately 5 feet.

Hurricane Gloria (9/26/1985)

The landfall location of Gloria was Cape Hatteras, with 90 knot winds and a storm surge of approximately 6-8 feet.

Hurricane Diana (9/13/1984)

The landfall location of Diana was 38 miles south of Wilmington with 90 mph winds at its closest approach to Wilmington. Diana had 115 mph sustained winds before landfall. Storm surge was approximately 5-6 feet.

Table 5, "Historic Flood Elevations" is not applicable in Scotland County.

4.4 Flood Protection Measures

Flood protection measures may be structural (such as levees, dams, and reservoirs) or non-structural (such as land-use management ordinances, policies, or practices).

Table 6, "Non-Levee Flood Protection Measures" is not applicable in Scotland County.

Table 7, "Levees" is not applicable in Scotland County.

4.5 Scope of Study

For this map maintenance revision, a scoping meeting was held in Scotland County to present the results of initial research to the

county and communities within the county and to discuss their floodplain mapping needs. The county and communities were asked to provide input on proposed study priorities and analysis methods. These meetings resulted in the identification of flooding sources having a floodplain mapping need. Map Maintenance Plans were developed based on the results of the scoping meetings and were both mailed to each jurisdiction within Scotland County and posted to the State's website at www.ncfloodmaps.com.

Draft basin plans were developed based on the results of the initial scoping meetings. Final scoping meetings were held by the State and FEMA to provide counties and communities an overview of the draft basin plans, including the proposed scope and schedule for the project, and to provide an opportunity for additional county and community input. After the final scoping meeting was held, the Final Basin Plans were produced.

This FIS covers the geographic area of Scotland County, North Carolina, and all jurisdictions therein. The areas studied by detailed methods were selected with priority given to all known flood hazard areas and areas of projected development and proposed construction. Limits of detailed study are indicated on the Flood Profiles and/or Water-surface elevation rasters and/or the FIRM.

Table 8P, "Scope of Revisions: Revised or New Detailed Study -Preliminary", lists flooding sources that were newly studied by detailed methods or were previously studied by detailed methods and had a change in backwater elevation due to flooding effects from a newly studied flooding source.

Table 8P - Scope of Revisions: Revised or New Detailed Study - Preliminary

Source	Riverine Sources		Affected Communities
	From	To	
Lumber River	Approximately 0.6 mile downstream of Red Springs Road / NC Highway 71	Approximately 1,800 feet downstream of North Turnpike Road (SR 1412) / Turnpike Road (SR 1203)	Camp Mackall Military Reservation Scotland County Town Of Wagram
Lumber River	Robeson/Scotland County line	Robeson/Columbus County line	Camp Mackall Military Reservation Scotland County Town Of Maxton

Table 9P, "Scope of Revisions: Redelineated - Preliminary" is not applicable in Scotland County.

Table 10P, "Scope of Revisions: Limited Detailed - Preliminary" is not applicable in Scotland County.

Table 8, "Flooding Sources Studied by Detailed Methods", lists all flooding sources within the county that were studied by detailed methods for this FIS and previous FISs.

Table 8 - Flooding Sources Studied by Detailed Methods: Revised or Newly Studied

Source	Riverine Sources		Affected Communities
	From	To	
Lumber River	Approximately 0.6 mile downstream of Red Springs Road / NC Highway 71	Approximately 1,800 feet downstream of North Turnpike Road (SR 1412) / Turnpike Road (SR 1203)	Camp Mackall Military Reservation Scotland County Town Of Wagram
Lumber River	Robeson/Columbus County line	Robeson/Scotland County line	Camp Mackall Military Reservation Scotland County Town Of Maxton

Table 9, "Flooding Sources Studied by Detailed Methods: Redelineated" is not applicable in Scotland County.

Table 10, "Flooding Sources Studied by Detailed Methods: Limited Detailed", lists all flooding sources within the county that were studied by limited detailed methods for either this FIS or previous FISs.

Table 10 - Flooding Sources Studied by Detailed Methods: Limited Detailed

Source	Riverine Sources		Affected Communities
	From	To	
Leith Creek	State Boundary	3,400 feet upstream of Harry Malloy Road	Camp Mackall Military Reservation Scotland County
Leith Creek Tributary 1	Confluence with Leith Creek	1,600 feet upstream of confluence with Leith Creek	Camp Mackall Military Reservation Scotland County
Shoe Heel Creek	700 feet downstream of Old Maxton Road	1.6 miles upstream of Jane Shaw Road	Camp Mackall Military Reservation Scotland County Town Of Maxton

Table 10 - Flooding Sources Studied by Detailed Methods: Limited Detailed

Source	Riverine Sources		Affected Communities
	From	To	
Shoe Heel Creek	State Boundary	County Boundary	Camp Mackall Military Reservation Scotland County Town Of Maxton
Steer Branch	Confluence with Leith Creek	50 feet downstream of CSX Transportation	Camp Mackall Military Reservation Scotland County

Table 11, "Stream Name Changes" is not applicable in Scotland County.

Table 12, "Letters of Map Revision" is not applicable in Scotland County.

5.0 Engineering Methods

For the flooding sources in the community, standard hydrologic and hydraulic study methods were used to determine the flood hazard data required for this study. Flood events of a magnitude that are expected to be equaled or exceeded at least once on the average during any 10-, 25-, 50-, 100-, or 500-year period (recurrence interval) have been selected as having special significance for floodplain management and for flood insurance rates. These events, commonly termed the 10-, 25-, 50-, 100-, and 500-year floods, have a 10-, 4-, 2-, 1-, and 0.2% annual chance, respectively, of being equaled or exceeded during any year. Although the recurrence interval represents the long-term, average period between floods of a specific magnitude, rare floods could occur at short intervals or even within the same year. The risk of experiencing a rare flood increases when periods greater than 1 year are considered. For example, the risk of having a flood that equals or exceeds the 100-year flood (1-percent chance of annual exceedance) during the term of a 30-year mortgage is approximately 26 percent (about 3 in 10); for any 90-year period, the risk increases to approximately 60 percent (6 in 10). The analyses reported herein reflect flooding potentials based on conditions existing in the community at the time of completion of this study. Maps and flood elevations will be amended periodically to reflect future changes.

5.1 Hydrologic Analyses

Hydrologic analyses were carried out to establish the peak elevation-frequency relationships for floods of the selected recurrence intervals for each flooding source studied. Hydrologic analyses are typically performed at the watershed level. Depending on factors such as watershed size and shape, land use and urbanization, and natural or man-made storage, various models or methodologies may be applied. For details on the county's hydrologic analyses, the hydrologic report is available by request.

A summary of the drainage area-peak discharge relationships for the flooding sources studied by detailed methods is shown in Table 13, "Summary of Discharges".

Table 13 - Summary of Discharges

Flooding Source		Discharges (cfs)			
Location	Drainage Area (square miles)	10% Annual Chance	2% Annual Chance	1% Annual Chance	0.2% Annual Chance
Bridge Creek					
Confluence with Leith Creek	17.56	*	*	2592	*
Leith Creek					
County boundary	59.30	*	*	3660	*
Approximately 0.8 mile downstream of SR 1615	53.32	*	*	3467	*
Approximately 1,600 feet downstream of SR 1615	52.51	*	*	3441	*
Approximately 700 feet upstream of SR 1615	52.15	*	*	3429	*
Approximately 0.5 mile upstream of SR 1623	49.45	*	*	3339	*
Approximately 1.0 mile upstream of SR 1615	46.38	*	*	3236	*
Approximately 0.9 mile downstream of US 501	28.24	*	*	2631	*
Leith Creek Tributary 1					

Table 13 - Summary of Discharges

Flooding Source		Discharges (cfs)			
Location	Drainage Area (square miles)	10% Annual Chance	2% Annual Chance	1% Annual Chance	0.2% Annual Chance
Confluence with Leith Creek	5.71	*	*	474	*
Approximately 1,500 feet downstream of SR 1624	4.35	*	*	393	*
Approximately 100 feet upstream of SR 1624	4.18	*	*	382	*
Lumber River					
At NC Highway 71/Red Springs Road	360.70	4201	6720 ¹	7930 ¹	11000 ¹
Approximately 300 feet upstream of NC Highway 71/Red Springs Road	354.70	4030	7110	8800	13900
Approximately 0.9 mile upstream of NC Highway 71/Red Springs Road	354.30	4030	7100	8800	13900
Approximately 1.6 miles upstream of NC Highway 71/Red Springs Road	353.90	4030	7100	8800	13900
At McGirts Bridge Road	347.00	*	*	9500	*
Shoe Heel Creek					
County boundary	83.22	*	*	3080	*
Steer Branch					
Confluence with Leith Creek	3.04	*	*	307	*

¹Discharges decrease due to inconsistencies between new and previously effective studies. The lower discharge is a result from an older study that is based on less accurate data.

Table 14, "Summary of Stillwater Elevations" is not applicable in Scotland County.

Table 15, "Gage Information" is not applicable in Scotland County.

5.2 Hydraulic Analyses

Analyses of the hydraulic characteristics of flooding from the sources studied were carried out to provide estimates of the flood elevations for the selected recurrence intervals. Locations of selected cross sections used in the hydraulic analyses are shown on the Flood Profiles and/or Water-surface elevation rasters. For stream segments for which BFEs were computed, selected cross-section locations are also shown on the FIRM. Flood Profiles and/or Water-surface elevation rasters were developed showing computed water-surface elevations for floods of the selected recurrence intervals.

Users should be aware that flood elevations shown on the FIRM represent rounded whole-foot elevations and may not exactly reflect the elevations shown on the Flood Profiles and/or Water-surface elevation rasters or in the Floodway Data tables in the FIS Report. For construction and/or floodplain management purposes, users are encouraged to use the flood elevation data presented in the FIS in conjunction with the data shown on the FIRM.

The hydraulic analyses for this FIS were based on unobstructed flow. The flood elevations shown on the Flood Profiles are thus considered valid only if hydraulic structures remain unobstructed, operate properly, and do not fail.

For details on the county's hydraulic analyses, the hydraulic report is available by request.

For the streams studied by detailed methods, water surface elevations of floods of the selected recurrence intervals were computed through use of the Army Corps of Engineers' HEC RAS step backwater computer program. The hydraulic analyses were based on unobstructed flow. The flood elevations shown on the Profiles and/or Water-surface elevation rasters are thus considered valid only if hydraulic structures remain unobstructed, operate properly, and do not fail. The computer models were calibrated using historic high water data collected during field investigations.

The cross section geometries were obtained from a combination of digital elevation data obtained by Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) and field surveys. All bridges, dams, and culverts were field surveyed to obtain elevation data and structural geometry. Natural floodplain cross sections were surveyed approximately every 4000 feet along the detail study reaches to obtain the channel geometry

between bridges and culverts. Overbank cross section data for the backwater analyses were obtained from recently flown LIDAR data.

Channel roughness factors (Manning's "n") used in the hydraulic computations were made in the field by an engineer where stream access was possible, with orthophotos used to supplement areas that could not be accessed. The channel and overbank "n" values for all of the streams studied by detailed methods are shown in Table 16, "Roughness Coefficients".

Table 16 - Roughness Coefficients

Stream	Channel "n"	Overbank "n"
Lumber River	0.035 to 0.065	0.032 to 0.150

For flooding sources studied by limited detailed methods in the county, standard hydrologic and hydraulic study methods were used to determine the flood hazard data required for this report and the FIRM panels. This method entails developing a HEC-RAS hydraulic model, resulting in the calculation of BFEs and the delineation of the 1% annual chance floodplain (designated as Zone AE). Cross sections for the flooding sources studied by limited detailed methods were obtained using digital elevation data obtained with LIDAR technology developed as part of the North Carolina Statewide Floodplain Mapping Program. The hydraulic model is prepared using this digital elevation data, without surveying bathymetric or structural data. Where bridge or culvert data are readily available, such as from the North Carolina Department of Transportation, these data have been reflected in the hydraulic model. If these structural data are not readily available, field measurements of these structures were made to approximate their geometry in the hydraulic models. In addition, this method does not include field surveys that determine specifics on channel and floodplain characteristics. A limited detailed study is a "buildable" product that can be upgraded to a fully detailed study at a later date by verifying stream channel characteristics, bridge and culvert opening geometry, and by analyzing multiple recurrence intervals.

The results of the HEC-RAS computations are tabulated for all cross sections (Table 17, "Limited Detailed Flood Hazard Data"). Flood Profiles have not been developed for streams studied by limited detailed methods. Water-surface elevation rasters were developed for streams studied by limited detailed methods. In addition, floodways for streams studied by limited detailed methods are not delineated on the FIRM. However, the 1% annual chance water-surface elevations, flood discharges, and non-encroachment widths from the limited detailed studies for every modeled cross section are given in Table 17. The non-encroachment widths given at modeled cross sections can be used by communities to enforce floodplain management ordinances that meet the requirement defined in 44 CFR 60.3(c)(10).

Between cross sections for streams studied by limited detailed methods, 1% annual chance water-surface elevations can be calculated by mathematical interpolation using the distance along the stream centerline. Non-encroachment widths and, therefore, the location of a non-encroachment area boundary between cross sections should be determined based on either 1) mathematical interpolation, or 2) the non-encroachment width at the upstream or downstream cross section, whichever is larger. If the width determined by this second method is wider than the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) or the 1% annual chance floodplain delineated on the FIRM for this location along the stream, the non-encroachment area shall be considered to be coincident with the SFHA. A full detailed study incorporating field survey data in the HEC-RAS hydraulic model may be submitted for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) request to map a regulatory floodway along a section of a stream in lieu of applying the non-encroachment widths listed in Table 17.

Table 17 - Limited Detailed Flood Hazard Data

Cross Section	Stream Station	Flood Discharge (cfs)	1% Annual Chance Water-Surface Elevation (feet NAVD 88)	Non-Encroachment Width (feet) Left/Right from Stream Centerline
Leith Creek				
156	15,597	3,660	135.8 ¹	543 / 255
174	17,445	3,660	137.0	737 / 215
201	20,105	3,660	139.8	500 / 278
212	21,160	3,467	141.1	529 / 341
219	21,863	3,441	142.0	171 / 193
225	22,454	3,441	142.2	160 / 914
243	24,276	3,429	143.0	539 / 350
269	26,936	3,339	144.0	397 / 856

Table 17 - Limited Detailed Flood Hazard Data

Cross Section	Stream Station	Flood Discharge (cfs)	1% Annual Chance Water-Surface Elevation (feet NAVD 88)	Non-Encroachment Width (feet) Left/Right from Stream Centerline
304	30,356	3,236	145.6	108 / 942
Leith Creek Tributary 1				
015	1,484	474	138.5	26 / 240
039	3,876	393	140.8	10 / 195
041	4,092	393	145.2	10 / 195
054	5,360	382	145.4	90 / 115
066	6,615	382	145.9	43 / 112
Shoe Heel Creek				
870	87,035	3,079	164.7	711 / 718
875	87,467	3,079	165.1	106 / 109
876	87,572	3,079	165.9	107 / 108
878	87,763	3,079	166.0	635 / 727
879	87,897	3,079	165.9	107 / 108
881	88,072	3,079	166.3	108 / 108
884	88,425	3,079	166.9	672 / 756
897	89,661	3,079	167.0	248 / 1,820
907	90,699	3,073	167.2	265 / 1,377
920	91,997	3,073	167.3	384 / 1,034
933	93,313	3,073	167.6	595 / 704
Steer Branch				
015	1,484	307	144.4	149 / 9
033	3,251	307	150.4	128 / 7

¹Elevation includes backwater effects

5.3 Coastal Analyses

This section is not applicable to this FIS project. Table 18 “Summary of Coastal Analyses” does not apply to Scotland County.

6.0 Mapping Methods

6.1 Vertical and Horizontal Control

Vertical Datum

All FISs are referenced to a specific vertical datum. The vertical datum provides a starting point against which flood, ground, and structure elevations can be referenced and compared. With the finalization of the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88), all North Carolina FISs have been prepared using NAVD 88 as the referenced vertical datum.

All flood elevations shown on the FIRM for Scotland County are referenced to NAVD 88. Structure and ground elevations in the county must, therefore, be referenced to NAVD 88. It is important to note that FISs for adjacent communities in neighboring states may be referenced to NGVD 29. This may result in BFE differences across political boundaries between the communities.

As noted above, the elevations shown in this FIS are referenced to NAVD 88. Ground, structure, and flood elevations may be compared and/or referenced to NGVD 29 by applying a standard conversion factor. The conversion factor for Scotland County is # feet. The locations used to establish the conversion factor were USGS quadrangle corners that fell within the county, as well as those that were within 2.5 miles outside the county. The benchmarks are referenced to NAVD 88. Table 21, “Datum Conversion Locations and Values,” is shown below.

Table 21, "Datum Conversion Locations and Values."

Table 21 - Datum Conversion Locations and Values

Latitude	Longitude	Conversion from NGVD29 to NAVD88 (feet)
35.00	-79.50	-0.81
35.00	-79.50	-0.81
34.88	-79.50	-0.86
34.88	-79.50	-0.86
34.87	-79.38	-0.87
34.87	-79.38	-0.87
34.75	-79.63	-0.94
34.75	-79.50	-0.93
34.75	-79.50	-0.93
34.75	-79.37	-0.92
34.75	-79.37	-0.92
34.62	-79.50	-0.97
Average conversion in Scotland County from NGVD 29 to NAVD 88 = -0.89 feet		

The vertical datum conversion factor for all flooding sources which run along a county boundary are in accordance with the conversion factor used in those contiguous counties.

BFEs shown on the FIRM represent whole-foot rounded values. For example, a 1% annual chance water-surface elevation of 102.4 feet will appear as 102 on the FIRM and 102.6 feet will appear as 103. Therefore, users who wish to convert the elevations in this FIS to NGVD 29 should apply the stated conversion factor(s) to elevations shown on the Flood Profiles and/or Water-surface elevation rasters and supporting data tables in the FIS Report, which are shown, at a minimum, to the nearest 0.1 foot.

For more information on NAVD 88, see *Converting the National Flood Insurance Program to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988*, or contact the Vertical Network Branch, National Geodetic Survey, Coast and Geodetic Survey, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Rockville, Maryland 20910 (<http://www.ngs.noaa.gov>).

Vertical Control Monuments

Qualifying bench marks within Scotland County that are cataloged by the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and entered into the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) as First or Second Order Vertical, with a vertical stability classification of A, B, or C, are shown and labeled on the FIRM with their 6-character NSRS Permanent Identifier (PID).

The National Geodetic Survey establishes precisely located monuments on the North Carolina Grid System and Bench Marks referenced to a vertical datum (NGVD 1929 and NAVD 1988).

Bench marks cataloged by the NGS and entered into the NSRS vary widely in vertical stability classification. NSRS vertical stability classifications are as follows:

- Stability A: Monuments of the most reliable nature, expected to hold position/elevation well (e.g., mounted in bedrock)
- Stability B: Monuments which generally hold their position/elevation well (e.g., concrete bridge abutment)
- Stability C: Monuments which may be affected by surface ground movements (e.g., concrete monument below frost line)
- Stability D: Mark of questionable or unknown vertical stability (e.g., concrete monument above frost line, or steel witness post)

Monuments with a Stability D classification may be used as Elevation Reference Marks (ERMs) when a Stability C or better monument is not an option. These ERMs must be approved by NCGS and can be set and used as elevation bench marks to establish vertical control and produce NC DFIRMs. Including such ERMs will greatly augment North Carolina's useable vertical control network.

In addition, when local jurisdictions have established their own vertical monument network, these monuments may also be shown on

the FIRM with the appropriate designations. Local monuments will be placed on the FIRM if the community has requested that they be included and if the monuments meet the aforementioned criteria.

North Carolina Geodetic Survey (NCGS) and contractor surveyed vertical control monuments will be shown on the FIRM panels. Those cataloged by NCGS meet similar requirements to the NGS monuments as described above. Most monuments that have been cataloged by NCGS have been established to NGS standards, but have not been submitted to NGS for inclusion into the NSRS. The qualifying criteria for depicting bench marks established by the State's contractors on the new digital FIRM panels include:

- GPS surveying of permanent 3-D survey monuments to 5-centimeter or better local network accuracy guidelines, in accordance with NOAA Technical Memorandum NOS NGS-58 "Guidelines for Establishing GPS-Derived Ellipsoid Heights (Standards: 2 cm and 5 cm)," and conversion to NAVD 88 orthometric heights using NGS' latest geoid mode;
- Requiring a stability classification of "C" or better; and
- Submitting GPS files and station descriptions to NCGS.

To obtain current information for cataloging local bench marks in the NSRS, please visit the Data Sheet page of the NGS website at <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/datasheet.prl>, or contact the NGS Information Services Branch at:

NGS Information Services
NOAA, N/NGS12
National Geodetic Survey
SSMC-3, #9202
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-32822
(301) 713-3242

Information regarding the NCGS or State contractor bench marks can be obtained through the NCGS website at www.ncgs.state.nc.us, or by phone at (919) 733-3836.

It is important to note that temporary vertical monuments, sometimes called Elevation Reference Marks, are often established during the preparation of a flood hazard analysis for the purpose of establishing local vertical control. Although these monuments are not shown on the FIRM, interested individuals may contact FEMA to access this information.

Horizontal Datum and Control

The digital files that comprise the FIRM are georeferenced to an established coordinate system. The coordinate system used for the production of this FIRM is North Carolina State Plane (FIPZONE 3200) referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83), GRS80 ellipsoid.

6.2 Base Map

The FIRMs and FIS Report for this project have been produced in a digital format. The flood hazard information was converted to a Geographic Information System (GIS) format that meets FEMA's FIRM database specifications and geographic information standards. This information is provided in a digital format so that it can be incorporated into a local GIS and be accessed more easily by the community. The FIRM Database includes most of the tabular information contained in the FIS Report in such a way that the data can be associated with pertinent spatial features.

The projection used in the preparation of this map was the North Carolina State Plane Coordinate System. The horizontal datum was NAD83, GRS80 spheroid. Differences in datum, spheroid, or projection used in the production of FIRMs for adjacent states may result in slight positional differences in map features across the state boundary. These differences do not affect the accuracy of this FIRM.

As part of the North Carolina CTS Initiative, North Carolina digital FIRM panel numbers are consistent with the North Carolina Land

Records Management Program (LRMP).

The 11-digit digital FIRM panel numbering system for North Carolina is: SS MM LLLL PP X, where SS = State Federal Information Processing Code (37); MM = Easting-Northing (EN) 1,000,000-foot coordinates; LLLL = LRMP map numbers to include the EN 100,000-foot coordinates, and the EN 10,000-foot coordinates; PP = place holders for additional EN 1,000-foot coordinates; and X = suffix ("J" for the initial edition). North Carolina's State Plane Coordinate System origin is outside the State boundary to the southwest (in Georgia), the eastings range from approximately 0,404,000 (Tennessee border) to 3,040,000 (Atlantic Ocean); and the northings range from approximately 0,045,000 (South Carolina border) to 1,043,000 (Virginia border). Digital FIRM panels were compiled at either 1"=1,000', covering an area of 20,000 feet x 20,000 feet (20" x 20" panels); or at 1"=500', covering an area of 10,000 feet x 10,000 feet (20" x 20" panels). An additional 2 digits (both zeros) are held in reserve as a "place holder" in the event that future FIRMs are printed at a larger scale; e.g., 1"=250', covering an area of 5,000 feet x 5,000 feet for which the 1,000-foot coordinates would either be 0 or 5.

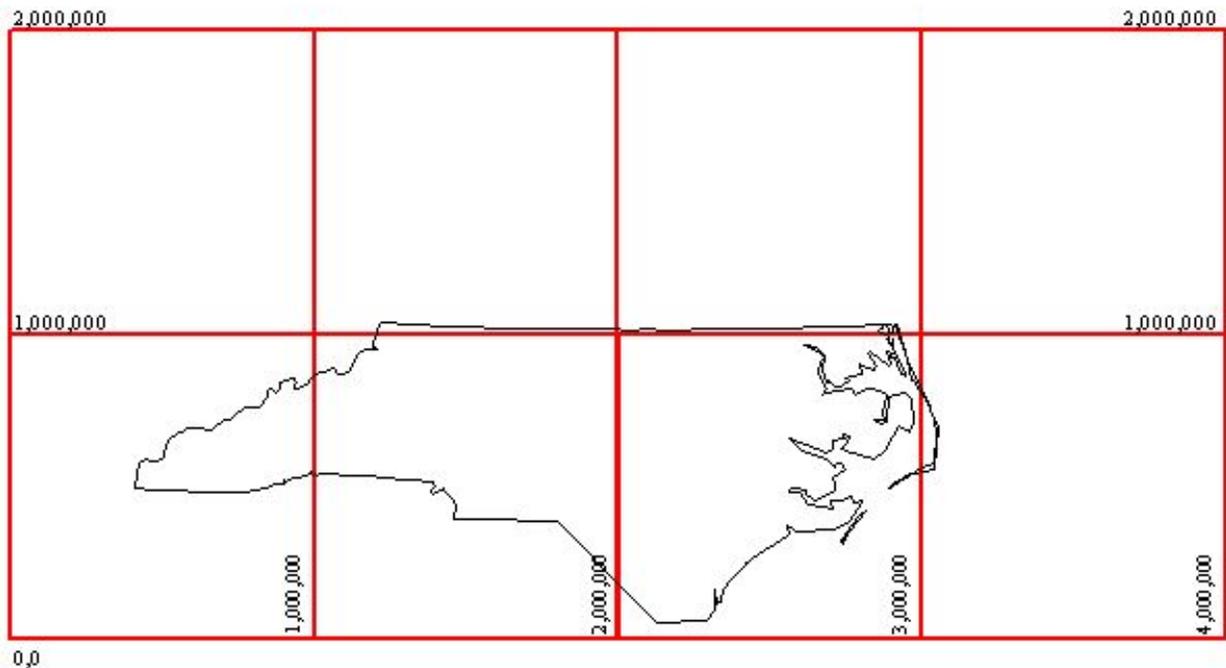


Figure 3 - North Carolina's State Plane Coordinate System

6.3 Floodplain and Floodway Delineation

Floodplain Boundaries

For streams restudied by detailed and limited detailed methods, the 1% and 0.2% annual chance floodplains were delineated using flood elevations determined at each cross section. Between cross sections, the boundaries were interpolated using topographic data acquired using airborne Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR). This LIDAR data was acquired during the (insert date from basin plan and update for map maintenance, if necessary) flying season.

The topographic data satisfies a vertical root-mean-square error (RMSE) accuracy standard of 20 cm (1.3 feet accuracy at the 95% confidence limit) for the Outer Banks and 25 cm (1.6 feet accuracy at the 95% confidence limit) for those portions of the basin lying west of the Outer Banks. These data could be contoured at roughly a 2-foot vertical contour interval. All elevations were referenced to the NAVD 88 and reflect orthometric heights. Variably spaced, bare-earth digital topographic data in ASCII point file format were combined with imagery (either flown concurrently with the LIDAR data or using existing digital orthophotos) to establish a Triangulated Irregular Network (TIN) of digital elevation points, which include selected breaklines to be used for hydraulic modeling. Furthermore, a uniformly spaced sampling of the TIN resulted in uniformly spaced Digital Elevation Models (DEMs), with 20 ft x 20 ft post spacing, which was generated in multiple file formats.

The 1% annual chance floodplain boundary corresponds to the boundary of the areas of special flood hazards (Zones VE, AO, AH,

A99, AR, A, and AE), and the 0.2% annual chance floodplain boundary corresponds to the boundary of areas of moderate flood hazards. In cases where the 1% and 0.2% annual chance floodplain boundaries are close together, only the 1% annual chance floodplain boundaries have been shown.

Floodway Delineation

The floodways presented in this FIS were computed for certain stream segments on the basis of equal conveyance reduction from each side of the floodplain. Floodway widths were computed at cross sections. Between cross sections, the floodway boundaries were interpolated. The results of the floodway computations are tabulated for selected cross sections (Table 22, "Floodway Data"). The computed floodway is shown on the FIRM. In cases where the floodway and 1% annual chance floodplain boundaries are either close together or collinear, only the floodway boundary is shown. In areas where the top of the bridge or road is higher than the 1.0-percent annual chance (100-year) flood, the FIRM will show the flood discharge as contained within the structure for emergency management purposes. It is important to note that FEMA and community floodway regulations still apply in and around those areas.

Table 22 - Floodway Data

Floodway Source		Floodway			Water Surface Elevation			
Cross Section	Distance (Feet Above Mouth)	Width (Feet)	Section Area (Square Feet)	Mean Velocity (Feet Per Second)	Regulatory	Without Floodway	With Floodway	Increase
Lumber River								
5811	581,083	1,165	8,560	1.0	186.0	186.0	186.6	0.7
5833	583,310	1,380	10,252	0.8	186.5	186.5	187.2	0.6
5836	583,579	1,292	4,195	1.9	186.8	186.8	187.3	0.5
5856	585,611	840	5,814	1.4	187.4	187.4	187.9	0.5
5881	588,108	820	4,732	1.7	188.6	188.6	189.4	0.8
5913	591,299	790	6,108	1.3	190.9	190.9	191.7	0.8
5924	592,382	820	5,791	1.4	191.4	191.4	192.2	0.8
5953	595,255	870	6,009	1.3	193.1	193.1	193.9	0.8
5981	598,131	800	5,420	1.5	194.7	194.7	195.4	0.7
5995	599,466	800	5,669	1.4	195.5	195.5	196.2	0.7
6020	601,979	265	3,241	2.4	197.5	197.5	198.1	0.6
6032	603,171	820	6,522	1.2	197.9	197.9	198.5	0.6
6062	606,161	830	5,468	1.4	199.0	199.0	199.9	0.8
6076	607,568	850	5,634	1.4	200.0	200.0	200.8	0.8
6102	610,229	970	6,017	1.3	201.3	201.3	202.2	0.9
6115	611,523	950	6,207	1.4	202.2	202.2	203.1	0.9
6144	614,407	900	6,083	1.4	203.7	203.7	204.6	0.9
6156	615,608	860	6,762	1.3	204.3	204.3	205.2	0.9

6.4 Coastal Flood Hazard Mapping

Flood insurance zones and BFEs including the wave effects were identified on each transect based on the results from the onshore wave hazard analyses. Between transects, elevations were interpolated using topographic maps, land-use and land-cover data, and knowledge of coastal flood processes to determine the aerial extent of flooding. Sources for topographic data are shown in Table 23.

Zone VE is subdivided into elevation zones and BFEs are provided on the FIRM.

The limit of Zone VE shown on the FIRM is defined as the farthest inland extent of any of these criteria (determined for the 1% annual chance flood condition):

- *The primary frontal dune* zone is defined in 44 CFR Section 59.1 of the NFIP regulations. The primary frontal dune represents

a continuous or nearly continuous mound or ridge of sand with relatively steep seaward and landward slopes that occur immediately landward and adjacent to the beach. The primary frontal dune zone is subject to erosion and overtopping from high tides and waves during major coastal storms. The inland limit of the primary frontal dune zone occurs at the point where there is a distinct change from a relatively steep slope to a relatively mild slope.

- *The wave runup zone* occurs where the (eroded) ground profile is 3.0 feet or more below the 2-percent wave runup elevation.
- *The wave overtopping splash zone* is the area landward of the crest of an overtopped barrier, in cases where the potential 2-percent wave runup exceeds the barrier crest elevation by 3.0 feet or more.
- *The breaking wave height zone* occurs where 3-foot or greater wave heights could occur (this is the area where the wave crest profile is 2.1 feet or more above the total stillwater elevation).
- *The high-velocity flow zone* is landward of the overtopping splash zone (or area on a sloping beach or other shore type), where the product of depth of flow times the flow velocity squared (hv^2) is greater than or equal to 200 ft³/sec². This zone may only be used on the Pacific Coast.

The SFHA boundary indicates the limit of SFHAs shown on the FIRM as either “V” zones or “A” zones.

Table 23, “Summary of Coastal Transect Mapping Considerations” is not applicable in Scotland County.

A LiMWA boundary has also been added in coastal areas subject to wave action for use by local communities in safe rebuilding practices. The LiMWA represents the approximate landward limit of the 1.5-foot breaking wave. In areas where the Zone VE designation is based on the presence of a primary frontal dune the LiMWA was not delineated.

7.0 Revising the FIS

7.1 Letters of Map Amendment and Letters of Map Revision - Based on Fill

LOMAs and LOMR-Fs are documents issued by FEMA that officially remove a property and/or a structure from a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), if data supporting the removal are submitted. LOMAs and LOMR-Fs are generally determinations regarding areas that are too small to be shown on a FIRM panel; consequently, the changes they describe become official without revising the FIRM or the FIS Report.

NFIP regulations require that the lowest adjacent grade (the lowest ground touching the structure) be at or above the 1% annual chance flood elevation for a LOMA to be issued. Currently, there is no fee for FEMA’s review of a LOMA request, but the requester of a LOMA is responsible for providing all the information needed for the review, which may include structure and/or property elevations certified by a licensed land surveyor or professional engineer. Therefore, LOMA requesters may need to retain the services of a land surveyor or engineer.

A LOMA cannot be used for property on which fill has been placed. For those situations, a LOMR-F must be used. As a participant in the NFIP, a local government must adopt ordinances that meet the minimum Federal floodplain management standards, which are outlined in Section 60.3 of the NFIP regulations. For a number of reasons, these ordinances generally vary from community to community. Nonetheless, because the placement of fill within the floodplain can affect flood hazards in the surrounding area, additional information is needed before FEMA can process a LOMR-F request. Among the data required for a LOMR-F is the community acknowledgment form. This form is FEMA’s assurance that all appropriate Federal, State, and local floodplain management requirements have been met. Furthermore, NFIP regulations require that the lowest adjacent grade (the lowest ground touching the structure) be at or above the 1% annual chance flood elevation for a LOMR-F to be issued removing the structure from the floodplain.

Because LOMR-F requests are the result of changed physical conditions rather than limitations of scale or topographic definition, FEMA charges a fee for the review of a LOMR-F request. As with the LOMA, the requester of a LOMR-F is responsible for providing all supporting information, including structure and/or property elevation data.

In cases where property owners plan to add fill in the SFHA, NFIP regulations require plans and technical information to be submitted for review by FEMA before construction takes place. FEMA will issue a conditional LOMR-F stating how flood hazards would change and what portions of the property, if any, would remain in the SFHA if the project were built according to the submitted plans.

The issuance of a LOMA or LOMR-F ends the property owner's obligation to purchase flood insurance as a condition of Federal or federally backed financing. However, the property owner's mortgage company maintains the prerogative to require flood insurance as a condition of providing financing. Before attempting to obtain a LOMA or LOMR-F, property owners are advised to consult their mortgage companies regarding this policy. Even if the mortgage company indicates that it will require flood insurance if a LOMA or LOMR-F is issued, it may be advantageous for property owners to request a LOMA or LOMR-F because flood insurance premiums are lower for properties removed from the SFHA than for properties that remain within the SFHA.

For additional information regarding LOMAs, LOMR-Fs, conditional LOMR-Fs, or current application fees, please call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll-free information line at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).

7.2 Letters of Map Revision

A Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) is a document issued by FEMA and the NCFMP that revises an FIS Report and/or FIRM. A LOMR is used to change flood risk zones, floodplain and/or floodway delineations, flood elevations, or planimetric features such as road systems or corporate limits. A LOMR provides FEMA and the NCFMP with a cost-effective means of revising the FIS information without physically changing and reprinting the map or report itself. A portion of the FIRM panel or FIS Report showing the revised information is issued with the LOMR. The LOMR is sent to all affected communities and is archived in the communities' NFIP map repository for public reference.

In cases where a proposed project (such as construction in the 1% annual chance floodplain) would result in a significant rise in 1% annual chance water-surface elevations, NFIP regulations require the community to submit plans and technical information for review by FEMA and the NCFMP before construction takes place. This assures communities participating in the NFIP that proposed projects meet minimum NFIP requirements. The result of FEMA and the NCFMP reviews is documented in a conditional LOMR.

For additional information regarding LOMRs, conditional LOMRs, or current application fees, please call the FEMA Map Assistance Center toll-free information line at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) or the NCFMP at 919-715-5711.

7.3 Physical Map Revisions

Physical Map Revisions (PMRs) are processed to incorporate information concerning conditions present in the community that are not reflected in the FIS, and involve distributing republished FISs that supersede the most current NFIP data in the community repository. PMRs may be initiated by a request from a community resident or agency, or FEMA may initiate a PMR to incorporate one or more LOMRs, to reflect significant changes in corporate limits, to correct errors, or to update flood hazards to match new information from an adjacent community's FIS. Due to the costs associated with updating and distributing FISs, map revisions will be processed as LOMRs rather than PMRs whenever possible. For more information regarding PMRs, please contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll-free information line at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627), the FEMA Regional Office at the address listed on the Notice to Flood Insurance Study Users page at the front of this report, or the NCFMP at 919-715-5711.

7.4 Contracted Restudies

The NFIP provides for a periodic review and restudy of flood hazards in a given community. FEMA accomplishes this through a

national mapping needs assessment process that assigns priorities and allocates funds to sponsor or subsidize new flood hazard analyses used to update FIS Reports. For map maintenance restudies within the state of North Carolina, scoping will be performed by county approximately 2.5-3.5 years after the previous effective date. Scoping will focus on streams with restudy needs within those previously effective counties rather than on full countywide restudies. A restudy refers specifically to updating or reevaluating engineering analyses that were performed for a flood mapping project that directly impact BFEs and/or flood hazard boundary extents or analysis of previously unstudied flood prone areas. Restudy project evaluation triggers and prioritization values are an essential component of the map maintenance program. For more information regarding NCFMP-contracted restudies, please contact the NCFMP at 919-715-5711 or at www.ncfloodmaps.com. For more information regarding FEMA-contracted restudies, please contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll-free information line at 1-877-FEMA MAP(1-877-336-2627) or the FEMA Regional Office at the address listed on the Notice to Flood Insurance Study Users page at the front of this report.

7.5 Map Revision History

The current FIRM is a subset of the Statewide FIRM, showing flood hazard information for the entire geographic area of Scotland County. Previously, separate Flood Hazard Boundary Maps (FHBMs), Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps (FBFMs), and/or FIRMs were prepared for each identified flood prone jurisdiction within the county. Historical data relating to the NFIP maps prepared for each community prior to and including the 6/17/2003 North Carolina Statewide FIRM, which includes Scotland County, are presented in Table 22, "Community Map History."

Information pertaining to revised and unrevised flood hazards for each jurisdiction within Scotland County has been compiled into this FIS. Therefore, this FIS supersedes all previously printed FIS Reports, FHBMs, FIRMs, and/or FBFMs for all of the incorporated and unincorporated jurisdictions within Scotland County.

Table 24 - Map Revision History

Community	Initial Identification Date	Initial FIRM Effective Date	FIS Revision Date
CAMP MACKALL MILITARY RESERVATION	6/16/1978	12/16/1988	07/07/2014
CITY OF LAURINBURG	1/9/1974	1/3/1986	07/07/2014
SCOTLAND COUNTY	6/16/1978	12/16/1988	07/07/2014
TOWN OF EAST LAURINBURG	6/11/1975	12/16/1988	07/07/2014
TOWN OF GIBSON	6/17/2003	6/17/2003	*
TOWN OF MAXTON	6/17/2003	6/17/2003	01/19/2005
TOWN OF WAGRAM	8/8/1975	6/17/2003	07/07/2014

8.0 Study Contracting and Community Coordination

8.1 Authority and Acknowledgments

The sources of authority for this FIS are the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 and the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973.

This FIS revises and updates the previous countywide FIS for the geographic area of Scotland County and Incorporated Areas. Table 25, "Authority and Acknowledgments," includes information for the previous countywide FIS and for this revision. This table also includes information for the single-jurisdiction FISs published for each community included in this countywide FIS (if available) as compiled from their previously printed FIS Reports

Table 25 — Authority and Acknowledgments

Community	FIS Dated	Study Contracted By	Data Source	Contract or IAA Number	Work Completed In
CAMP MACKALL MILITARY RESERVATION	6/17/2003	NCFMP	NCFMP	206-000-23	8/23/2013
CAMP MACKALL MILITARY RESERVATION	6/17/2003	NCFMP	NCFMP	286-0000-23	8/8/8888
CITY OF LAURINBURG	6/17/2003	NCFMP	NCFMP	206-000-23	8/23/2013
CITY OF LAURINBURG	6/17/2003	NCFMP	NCFMP	286-0000-23	8/8/8888
SCOTLAND COUNTY	6/17/2003	NCFMP	NCFMP	206-000-23	8/23/2013
SCOTLAND COUNTY	6/17/2003	NCFMP	NCFMP	286-0000-23	8/8/8888

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TOWN OF EAST LAURINBURG	6/17/2003	NCFMP	NCFMP	206-000-23	8/23/2013
TOWN OF EAST LAURINBURG	6/17/2003	NCFMP	NCFMP	286-0000-23	8/8/8888
TOWN OF GIBSON	6/17/2003	NCFMP	NCFMP	206-000-23	8/23/2013
TOWN OF GIBSON	6/17/2003	NCFMP	NCFMP	286-0000-23	8/8/8888
TOWN OF MAXTON	6/17/2003	NCFMP	NCFMP	206-000-23	8/23/2013
TOWN OF MAXTON	6/17/2003	NCFMP	NCFMP	286-0000-23	8/8/8888
TOWN OF WAGRAM	6/17/2003	NCFMP	NCFMP	206-000-23	8/23/2013
TOWN OF WAGRAM	6/17/2003	NCFMP	NCFMP	286-0000-23	8/8/8888

This FIS Report was produced through a unique cooperative partnership between the State of North Carolina and FEMA. The State of North Carolina, through FEMA’s Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) Initiative, has become the first Cooperating Technical State (CTS) and will assume primary ownership of the NFIP FIRM panels for all North Carolina communities. This role has traditionally been fulfilled by FEMA. The North Carolina Floodplain Mapping Program is conducting flood hazard analyses and producing updated, digital FIRM panels. The hydrologic and hydraulic analyses and the FIRM panels for the initial statewide mapping for Scotland County were produced by NCFMP under contract with the State of North Carolina and issued on effective 8/29/2014. For this revision, the hydrologic and hydraulic analyses and the FIRM panels were produced by NCFMP, under contract with the State of North Carolina.

8.2 Consultation Coordination Officer's Meetings/Scoping Meetings

In general, for each FIS an initial Consultation Coordination Officer’s (CCO) meeting is held with representatives from FEMA, the communities, and the study contractors to explain the nature and purpose of the FIS and to identify the streams to be studied by detailed methods. A final CCO meeting is held with representatives from FEMA, the communities, and the study contractors to review the results of the study

Table 26, “Consultation Coordination Officer’s Meetings” is not applicable in Scotland County.

For each FIS produced during the initial phase of statewide, an Initial Scoping Meeting was held with representatives from FEMA, the county, the incorporated communities, and the State of North Carolina. A Final Scoping meeting was held to review the Draft Basin Plan and finalize the streams to be studied by detailed methods. This information was then used to create the Final Basin Plan.

For map maintenance revisions, only one scoping meeting was held to identify the streams to be newly studied by detailed methods, redelineated, or to be studied by limited detailed methods. This information was then used to create the Map Maintenance Plan.

The historical dates of the Initial and Final Scoping Meetings held during the first round of statewide mapping for Scotland County are shown in Table 27, “Scoping Meetings.” Meetings held for the map maintenance revision are also included below for Scotland County.

Table 27 — Scoping Meetings

Community	Riverbasin	Initial Scoping Date	Attended By	Final Scoping Date	Attended By
CAMP MACKALL MILITARY RESERVATION	LUMBER	11/2/2000	Representatives of the State, FEMA, Dewberry and Davis, and Scotland County	1/4/2001	Representatives of the State, FEMA, Dewberry and Davis, and Scotland County
CITY OF LAURINBURG	LUMBER	11/2/2000	Representatives of the State, FEMA, Dewberry and Davis, and Scotland County	1/4/2001	Representatives of the State, FEMA, Dewberry and Davis, and Scotland County
CITY OF LAURINBURG ETJ	LUMBER	11/2/2000	Representatives of the State, FEMA, Dewberry and Davis, and Scotland County	1/4/2001	Representatives of the State, FEMA, Dewberry and Davis, and Scotland County
SCOTLAND COUNTY	LUMBER	11/2/2000	Representatives of the State, FEMA, Dewberry and Davis, and Scotland County	1/4/2001	Representatives of the State, FEMA, Dewberry and Davis, and Scotland County
TOWN OF EAST LAURINBURG	LUMBER	11/2/2000	Representatives of the State, FEMA, Dewberry and Davis, and Scotland County	1/4/2001	Representatives of the State, FEMA, Dewberry and Davis, and Scotland County

Table 27 — Scoping Meetings

Community	Riverbasin	Initial Scoping Date	Attended By	Final Scoping Date	Attended By
TOWN OF GIBSON	LUMBER	11/2/2000	Representatives of the State, FEMA, Dewberry and Davis, and Scotland County	1/4/2001	Representatives of the State, FEMA, Dewberry and Davis, and Scotland County
TOWN OF MAXTON	LUMBER	11/15/2000	Representatives from the State, community and FEMA-MCC/D&D	1/5/2001	Representatives from the State, community and FEMA-MCC/D&D
TOWN OF WAGRAM	LUMBER	11/2/2000	Representatives of the State, FEMA, Dewberry and Davis, and Scotland County	1/4/2001	Representatives of the State, FEMA, Dewberry and Davis, and Scotland County

Preliminary Meetings are held in each county to disseminate and review the FIS Report and FIRM panels. This meeting is required by FEMA. Public Participation Meetings are not required by FEMA, but provide an opportunity to review and discuss the FIS Report and FIRM panels for each jurisdiction in a public setting. The dates for the preliminary and public participation meetings are shown in Table 28, "Preliminary and Public Participation Meetings."

Table 28 — Preliminary and Public Participation Meetings

Community	For FIS Dated	Meeting Location	Preliminary Meeting Date	Attended By	Public Meeting Date	Attended By
CITY OF LAURINBURG	12/16/2003	City of Laurinburg	11/22/2002	Officials from Scotland County, NCDEM, FEMA, Dewberry and Greenhorne & O'Mara	1/23/2003	The Public
CITY OF LAURINBURG ETJ	12/16/2003	City of Laurinburg	11/22/2002	Officials from Scotland County, NCDEM, FEMA, Dewberry and Greenhorne & O'Mara	1/23/2003	The Public

9.0 Guide to Additional Information

Information concerning the pertinent data used in the preparation of this FIS Report can be obtained by submitting an order with any required payment to the FEMA Engineering Library. For more information on this process, see <http://www.fema.gov>.

The Map Repositories table below lists locations where FIRMs for Scotland County can be viewed. Please note that the maps at these locations are for reference only and are not for distribution. Also, please note that only the maps for the community listed in the table are available at that particular repository. A user may need to visit another repository to view maps from an adjacent community.

Table 27 — Map Repositories

Community	Address	City	State	Zip Code
Town of East Laurinburg	East Laurinburg Municipal Building, 28 Fourth Street	Laurinburg	NC	28352
Town of Wagram	Wagram Town Offices, 24341 Riverton Road	Wagram	NC	28396
City of Laurinburg	Laurinburg City Hall, 305 West Church Street	Laurinburg	NC	28352
Town of Maxton	Town of Maxton, 201 McCaskill Street	Maxton	NC	28364
Scotland County	Scotland County Government, Administration Building, 507 West Covington Street	Laurinburg	NC	28352

9.1 Additional Information

All FIRM panels created for the State of North Carolina are produced in a seamless statewide format; however, FIS Reports are produced for individual counties.

Copies of FIRM panels are available for a nominal fee. To obtain a copy of the current flood map for a specific community, contact the

FEMA Map Service Center at 1-800-358-9616. To facilitate the processing of your request, please review the current flood map on file at your local community repository and obtain the panel number in which you are interested. If necessary, users may also order a FIRM Index from the Map Service Center to determine the appropriate panel numbers. The Map Service Center also accepts orders for the Community Status Book and the Flood Insurance Manual. The FIS Report, FIRM panels, and digital data used to produce the FIRM panels are available online at www.ncfloodmaps.com.

Information concerning the data used in the preparation of this FIS, contained in an Engineering Study Data Package, may be obtained by contacting the FEMA Regional Office at the address listed on the Notice to Flood Insurance Study Users page at the front of this report.

Table 28, "Additional Information" is not applicable in Scotland County.

10.0 Appendix

10.1 Bibliography

All bibliography and reference information associated within this Flood Insurance Study are maintained and accessible within the geodatabase structure and associated metadata. Users requiring more specific information should contact the North Carolina Floodplain Mapping Program (NCFMP) at www.ncfloodmaps.com under the Contacts menu