



FLOOD HAZARD MAP PROJECT

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PROJECT FACTS

Project Background

Mat-Su Borough joined the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) with the adoption of the original maps in 1985. Since that time a number of flood events as well as substantial population growth have revealed the original maps are inadequate. Development has expanded into areas where the flood risk was not previously studied, leaving folks in harm's way without any type of warning. Additionally, some of the existing flood zones are flawed, showing risk uphill from the actual area of risk. In 2013, several community meetings were held throughout the Borough and the feedback was clear: the flood maps needed to be updated.

Project Scope

The Mat-Su Borough has 3 main watersheds which feed into the area's rivers, creeks, and streams (see attached map for individual waterways). Using LiDAR and boots-on-the-ground surveys, along with historical flood data, the new maps will more accurately reflect the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) of a given waterway. Knowing how high the water will get, and building above that height, means residents will be safer during a flood event.

Benefits

- Building or elevating a home above the Base Flood Elevation means lower flood insurance premiums for homeowners.
- Road closures, detour routes, clean-up, and road repairs can be planned.
- Emergency Services can use this data to plan where to allocate their manpower and resources.
- Knowing where the watershed drains to and how long it takes for high water to get downstream means advanced warning for communities that will be affected can be issued with greater accuracy.

Get Involved:

1. **High Water Marks: *Now***
Report any high water marks on your property that occurred during any flood event since 1986. This information helps make maps more accurate.

Report via e-mail:
permitcenter@matsugov.us

2. **Map Review Period: *Coming Soon***
Once FEMA releases the draft maps, a 90 day public review period will start. Several town hall meetings will be scheduled, along with outreach efforts online and through the mail. It is anticipated that map review will begin in the summer of 2016, although, this date is subject to change.

Project Costs

At this time, the map revision is being provided at No-Cost to the Borough. The data collected as part of the LiDAR study completed in 2011 is the Borough's contribution to the Risk Map Project.

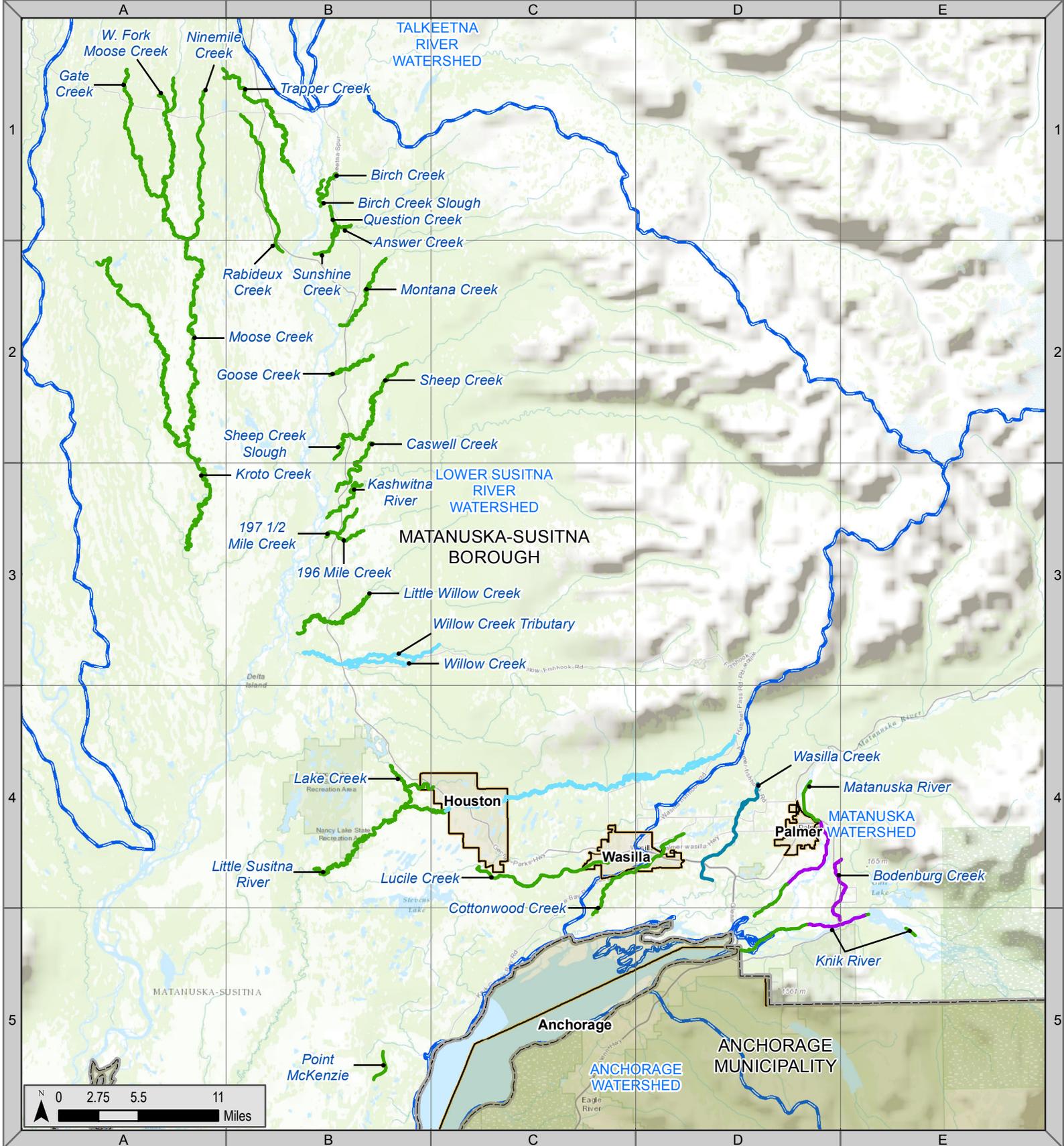
Project Updates

Additional information can be found at:
<http://www.matsugov.us/flood-plain-development-info>

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/PlanningLandManagement/RiskMAP/Matanuska-SusitnaBoroughRiskMAPStudy.aspx>



See other side for Matanuska-Susitna Borough Watershed Map:
This map shows which water ways are part of the study



MAP SYMBOLOLOGY

	Approximate		City Boundary
	Detailed		Borough Boundary
	Redelineated		State Boundary
	Leveraged		Watershed Boundary

PROJECT LOCATOR



NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM
Scoping Map

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH, ALASKA



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