

Why Are the Maps Being Updated?

All communities within Clay County are included within the countywide FIRMs. This study has updated information and developed new information on the existence and severity of flood hazard areas in Clay County. The new maps also use an updated photographic base map. This new base map more accurately depicts the locations of features relative to flood hazard areas.

What Has Changed?

New approximate hydrologic and hydraulic analysis were incorporated in Clay County for all streams that have a drainage of 1-square-mile or greater or were previously mapped. Those streams include the Republican River, Chapman Creek, West Fancy Creek, and their tributaries. It also includes Milford Lake.

Flooding Sources Updated in Clay County, KS



What is an Appeal?

Some flood studies result in new or revised flood hazard information. During the 90-day appeal period, community officials and others may object to the accuracy of this flood hazard information, which may include new or revised BFEs, base flood depths, SFHA boundaries or zone designations, or regulatory floodways. All appeals must be based on data that show the new or revised flood hazard information is scientifically or technically incorrect. Appeals must be submitted through your community's floodplain administrator. Communities should contact the FEMA Kansas City office before submitting an appeal.

What is a Comment?

Challenges received during the appeal period that do not involve proposed flood hazard information are considered comments. These include, but are not limited to: challenges of floodplain boundary delineations based on more detailed topographic data; challenges of proposed regulatory floodway boundaries based on better modeling; requests that a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA), Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-F), or LOMR be incorporated; base map errors; and omissions. Both comments and appeals must be supported by scientific or technical data, provide proof of error, and provide sufficient data to make revisions. Certification of data by a Registered Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor may be required.

Send Appeals to:

Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division
 FEMA Region VII
 Attention: Bob Franke
 9221 Ward Parkway, Suite 300
 Kansas City, MO 64114-3372

Send Comments to:

Kansas Department of Agriculture
 Division of Water Resources
 Attention: Erika Stanley
 109 SW 19th Street, 2nd Floor
 Topeka, KS 66612