

## What is a Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP)?

- CTPs are communities, regional agencies or State agencies that have the interest, capabilities and resources to be active partners in FEMA's flood mapping program.
- FEMA encourages local communities to coordinate any CTP interest through county, regional or state CTPs so there are no overlapping interests or activities. This may prove to be easier than solely taking on intensive mapping activities.
- CTPs enter into an agreement with FEMA that formalizes their contribution and commitment to flood mapping.
- CTPs take advantage of this partnership with FEMA to help ensure their flood maps are accurate, up-to-date, and to reflect local conditions.

## What are the objectives of the CTP program?

- Allow FEMA partners who are actively working to identify and map their flood risk, to incorporate this information into the official FEMA flood hazard information.
- Maximize limited funding by combining resources and aligning objectives of FEMA and the CTP.
- Maintain national standards consistent with NFIP regulations and objectives.
- Increase the CTP's ownership/participation in the flood mapping process.

## What are the benefits of being a CTP?

- Ongoing local activities can be harmonized with FEMA regulations and specifications and incorporated directly into official NFIP flood hazard information.
- It's an opportunity to share your resources with FEMA to make **better maps**.
- CTPs receive support including streamlined FEMA customer service, access to existing FEMA data, CTP referral program, national recognition, technical assistance, and access to custom-made FEMA tools.
- FEMA training, technical assistance, and mentoring will assist capable communities in meeting FEMA standards and improving local products.
- CTPs can receive Community Rating System (CRS) credits for their active involvement in flood hazard reduction activities. These credits can lead to discounted flood insurance premiums for property owners in the community.
- CTPs are also eligible for FEMA assistance, free press releases, and conference discounts.
- Ohio CTPs may receive higher mapping priority (maps started faster) and/or increased funding.



## **What kinds of mapping activities do CTPs complete?**

- Refinement of approximate Zone A floodplain boundaries.
- Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) modeling and mapping.
- Analysis of community mapping needs.
- Digital FIRM preparation and/or maintenance.
- Digital topographic data development.
- Outreach



## **If your community has digital basemap data to share, should you be a CTP?**

- If you have new aerial photography or new topographic data to contribute, this information is very useful for map updates, and is captured through a base map inventory that is conducted prior to flood map update. Becoming a CTP may not be reasonable if you are only intending to share a better set of data. Developing a CTP agreement may be beneficial if a community goal is going to complete redelineation or refinement of approximate Zone A floodplain boundaries (or any other flood hazard data development activities) with updated, or new aerial photography and topographic data.

## **Is there funding available for CTPs?**

- FEMA funding for flood studies is limited. An objective of the CTP program is to leverage available funding to obtain more mapping with the available resources. National mapping needs determine FEMA funding priorities.
- Locally funded activities can be initiated at any time. FEMA technical assistance will be available.
- Federal funding is managed by the FEMA regional offices and provided through a cooperative agreement.
- Ohio has prioritized CTPs for possible increased funding levels vs. non-CTP communities.

## **What are the steps in becoming a CTP?**

- 1) Contact CTP coordinator at ODNR:  
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- 2) Enter into Partnership Agreement
- 3) Identify mapping activities.
- 4) Coordinate with FEMA on scope and products.
- 5) Determine CTP's and FEMA's responsibilities and contributions.
- 6) Initiate mapping activities.
- 7) Review process annually.

## **Where can I Get More Information?**

- Take the CTP Self-Assessment at [http://www.fema.gov/fhm/ot\\_ctpr.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/fhm/ot_ctpr.shtm).
- Check online at <http://www.OhioDNR.gov/soilandwater/tabid/3531/Default.aspx> or [http://www.fema.gov/fhm/ctp\\_main.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/fhm/ctp_main.shtm).
- Contact the ODNR CTP coordinator: Matt Leshner at (614) 265-6751 or [matt.lesher@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:matt.lesher@dnr.state.oh.us)