

## **Map Interpretation and Comparison of Current and Proposed Floodplain Boundaries**

**Green Outline with green hatching is the approximate boundary of the current 100-year floodplain.** The boundary was obtained by ‘digitizing’ the Flood Insurance Rate Maps. This is a very rough approximate location of the 100-year floodplain and is not certified by FEMA. The only current FEMA maps are the printed paper maps.

**Blue area is the new Special Flood Hazard Area (100-year floodplain),** effective June 3, 2013 this will be the certified FEMA map. This area is also referred to as a ZONE A area. Federal law requires that a flood insurance policy be obtained as a condition of a federally-backed mortgage if a structure is located within this area.

**Blue hatched area is the new FLOODWAY,** effective June 3, 2013. This area is located within the Special Flood Hazard Area and the insurance requirements are the same as the Special Flood Hazard Area.

**Yellow area is the new 500-year floodplain – buffer area,** effective June 3, 2013. This area is also referred to as a ZONE X area. There are no insurance requirements in this area

**When comparing an area to determine if there are changes to the boundaries due to the new maps: If the blue area is primarily within the green boundary, there were more than likely no changes to the floodplain. This may not always be the case because the old map was digitized, but it is the best available data to make a comparison.**