



# **FEMA FIRMS & FIS REVISIONS**

**August 28, 2007**

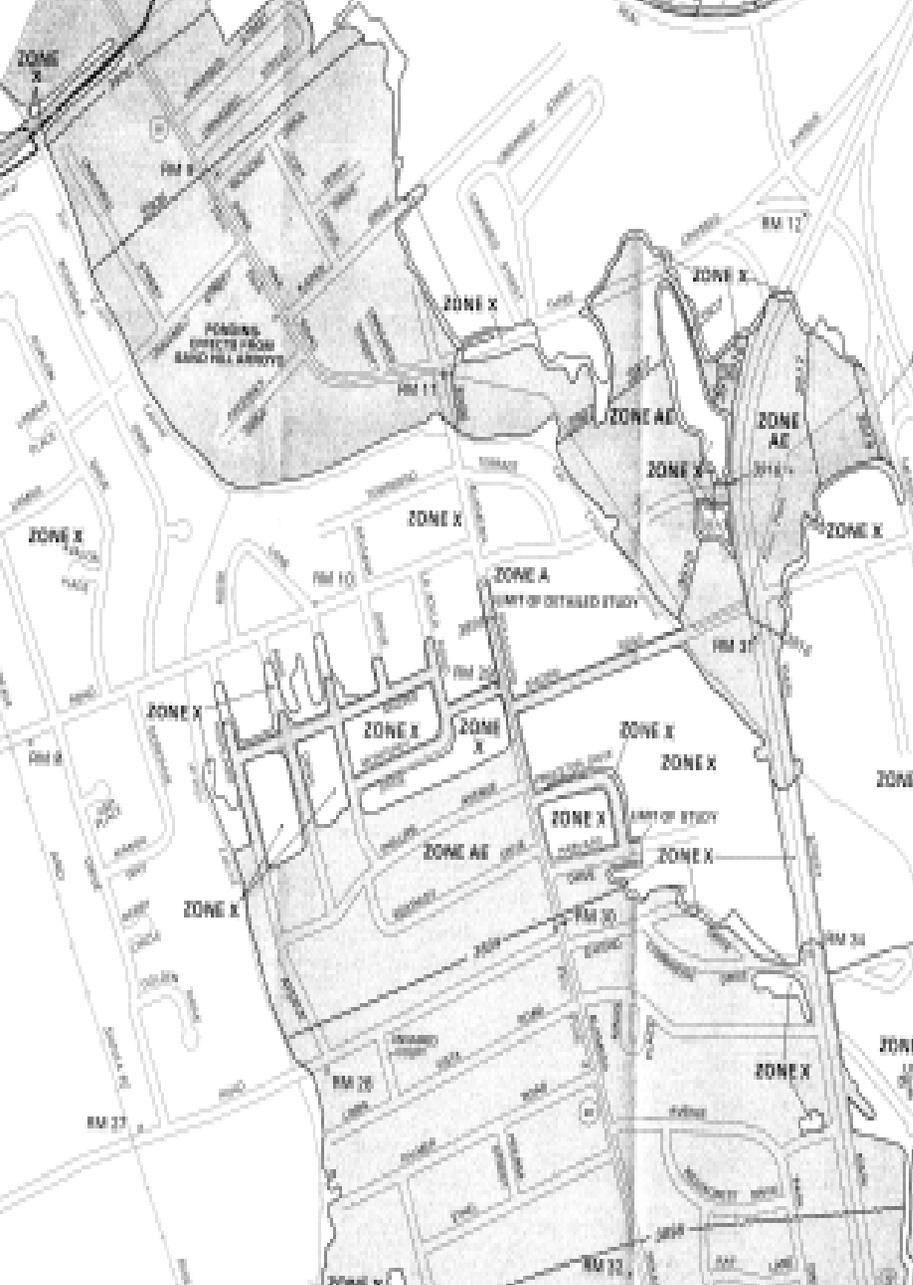
# **FIRMs & FIS**

- **Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) released July 9<sup>th</sup>**
- **Changes Extensive**
- **Areas of highest impact include the river valley and the Green Belt levees in the Northeast**
- **Approximate difference of 25,000 parcels added to the floodplain**

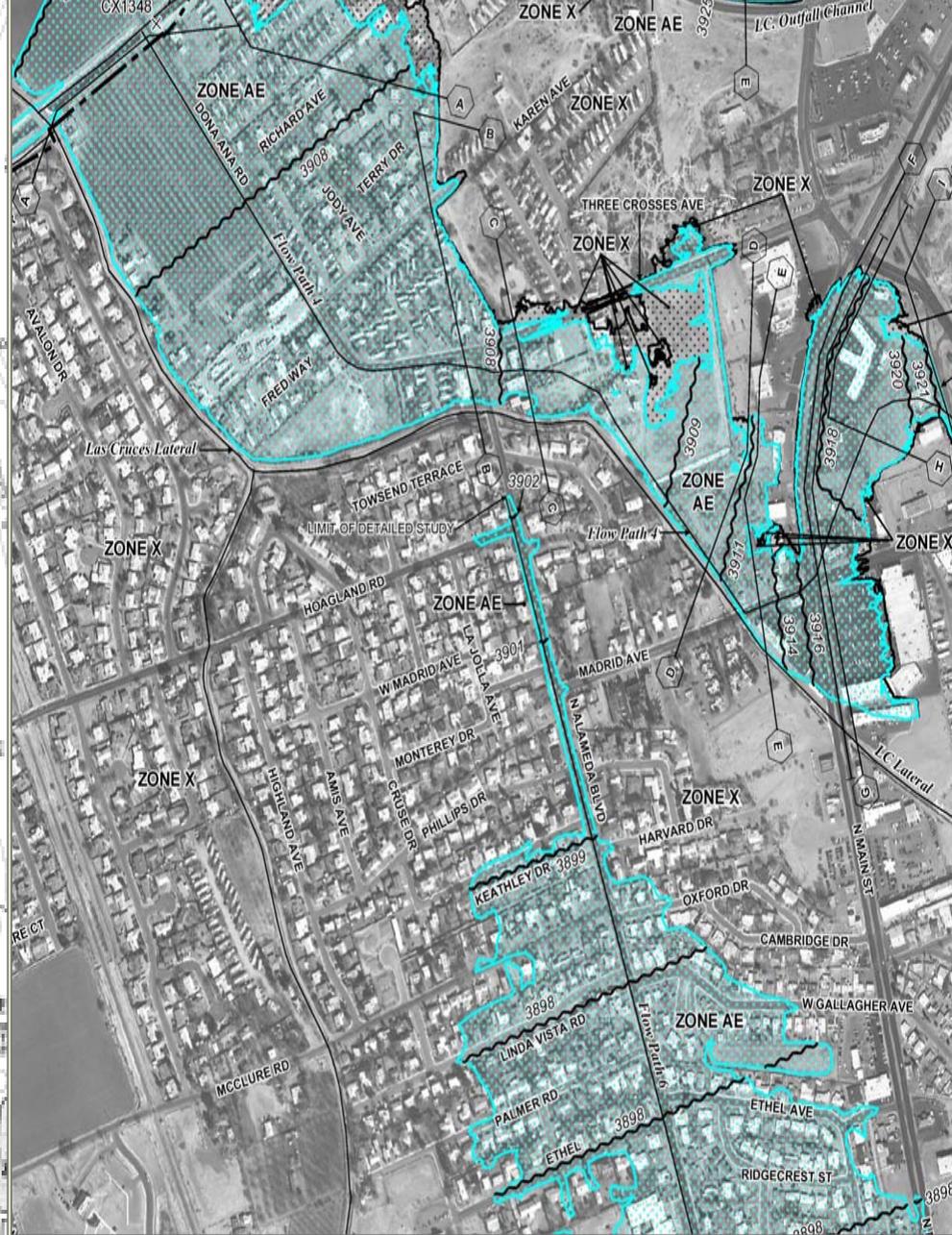
# **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)**

## **History**

- **Program established by Congress in 1968**
- **County Emergency Program entry 1974**
- **City Emergency Program entry 1977**
- **County initial FIRM 09/04/1991**
- **City initial FIRM 10/15/1982**



**Current FIRM**



**Updated Digital FIRM**

# **FEMA Adoption Process**

- **Revisions NOT effective**
- **Requires formal adoption by FEMA**
- **Process expected to finalize no sooner than one year**
- **First Local Officials Meeting and Public Meeting held August 22, 2007**
- **90-day Appeal/Protest period expected to begin within 30-days**

# FEMA Adoption Process

1. Advertisements in local newspaper
2. 90-day appeal period
3. Appeals resolved
4. Final Determination Letter
5. 6-month adoption period
6. Study becomes effective for floodplain management and flood insurance
7. Effects of non-adoption/non-participation
  - Suspension/Probation

# **Flood Insurance Impact**

- **Grandfather Rules**
  - **Applies to structures built before revisions are effective**
  - **Zone locked in, NOT rate**
  - **Property owners encouraged to confer with personal insurance agent**

# Information Contacts

- **FIRMs, FIS and information on appeal/protest**
  - [www.elpasotexas.gov](http://www.elpasotexas.gov)
  - 915-541-4200, Engineering
- **National Flood Insurance Program Information Line at 1 (800) 427-4661**
- **Elevation Certificate requires private Surveyor or Civil Engineer**

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# Questions