

Steps Toward the Analysis and the Application Process for Letters of Map Amendment (LOMA) for Woodbury County Iowa Landowners

Should you wish **FEMA** consider removal of a portion or all of a parcel or lot from a flood hazard area; or the removal of specific structures upon a parcel or lot; a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) application; will likely be required. The LOMA application form requires certain information on the parcel including requiring you to:

1. **Provide your parcel's base flood elevation (BFE).** If you are unaware of your BFE contact Mr. Bill Cappuccio of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources as he may be of assistance. Bill Cappuccio, Iowa NFIP Coordinator; Phone 515/725-8342 / e-mail bill.cappuccio@dnr.iowa.gov Have specific location information available; i.e. legal description or GIS parcel #. Should your request be for structures, specific information may be required for the structures location upon the parcel.
2. **Provide a certified determination of your parcel's elevation** by an Iowa licensed land surveyor or registered professional engineer. For the removal of:
 - a. **One or more structures** – The surveyor/engineer must certify the elevation of the lowest adjacent grade (the lowest ground touching the structure). To be successful elevation #2a must equal or exceed elevation #1.
 - b. **One or more entire parcels or lots** – The surveyor/engineer certify the lowest point upon the parcel(s) or lot(s) – To be successful elevation 2b must equal or exceed elevation #1.

Note: Iowa licensed land surveyors/engineers can be located within the phone directory under *Surveyors – Land* or under *Engineers*.

Information related to this issue is available online upon FEMA's website at:

<https://www.fema.gov>

Should you wish to see the impact of existing and proposed floodplain mapping upon any Woodbury County parcel/lot visit <http://www.woodburyiowa.com/departments/planning-zoning> where you may search parcels and access mapping layers by following the directions provided.