NOTES TO USERS

This map is for use in administering the National Flood Insurance Program. It does not necessarily identify all areas subject to flooding, particularly from local drainage sources of small size. The **community map repository** should be consulted for possible updated or additional flood hazard information.

To obtain more detailed information in areas where **Base Flood Elevations** (BFEs) and/or **floodways** have been determined, users are encouraged to consult the Flood Profiles and Floodway Data and/or Summary of Stillwater Elevations tables contained within the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report that accompanies this FIRM. Users should be aware that BFEs shown on the FIRM represent rounded whole-foot elevations. These BFEs are intended for flood insurance rating purposes only and should not be used as the sole source of flood elevation information. Accordingly, flood elevation data presented in the FIS report should be utilized in conjunction with the FIRM for purposes of construction and/or floodplain management.

Boundaries of the **floodways** were computed at cross sections and interpolated between cross sections. The floodways were based on hydraulic considerations with regard to requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. Floodway widths and other pertinent floodway data are provided in the Flood Insurance Study report for this jurisdiction.

Certain areas not in Special Flood Hazard Areas may be protected by **flood control structures**. Refer to Section 2.4 "Flood Protection Measures" of the Flood Insurance Study report for information on flood control structures for this jurisdiction.

The **projection** used in the preparation of this map was Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Zone 16. **Horizontal datum** was NAD 83, GRS80 spheroid. Differences in datum, spheroid, projection or UTM zones used in the production of FIRMs for adjacent jurisdictions may result in slight positional differences in map features across jurisdiction boundaries. These differences do not affect the accuracy of this FIRM.

Flood elevations on this map are referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988. These flood elevations must be compared to structure and ground elevations referenced to the same **vertical datum**. For information regarding conversion between the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 and the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, visit the National Geodetic Survey website at http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/ or contact the National Geodetic Survey at the following address:

NGS Information Services
NOAA, N/NGS12
National Geodetic Survey
SSMC-3, #9202
1315 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282
(301) 713-3242

To obtain current elevation, description, and/or location information for **bench marks** shown on this map, please contact the Information Services Branch of the National Geodetic Survey at **(301) 713-3242**, or visit its website at http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/.

Base map information shown on this FIRM was derived from multiple sources, but most of the base map files were provided in digital format by the City of Gadsden. Digital orthophotography shown on this FIRM were provided by Spatial Net, Inc. and the stream centerlines were downloaded from the National Hydrography Dataset provided by the US Geological Survey. Users of this FIRM should be aware that minor adjustments may have been made to specific base map features.

Based on updated topographic information, this map reflects more detailed and up-to-date **stream channel configurations and floodplain delineations** than those shown on the previous FIRM for this jurisdiction. As a result, the Flood Profiles and Floodway Data tables may reflect stream channel distances that differ from what is shown on the map. Also, the road to floodplain relationships for unrevised streams may differ from what is shown on previous maps.

The **profile base lines** depicted on this map represent the hydraulic modeling baselines that match flood profiles in the FIS report. As a result of improved topographic data, the profile base line in some cases, may deviate significantly from the channel centerline or appear outside the SFHA.

Corporate limits shown on this map are based on the best data available at the time of publication. Because changes due to annexations or de-annexations may have occurred after this map was published, map users should contact appropriate community officials to verify current corporate limit locations.

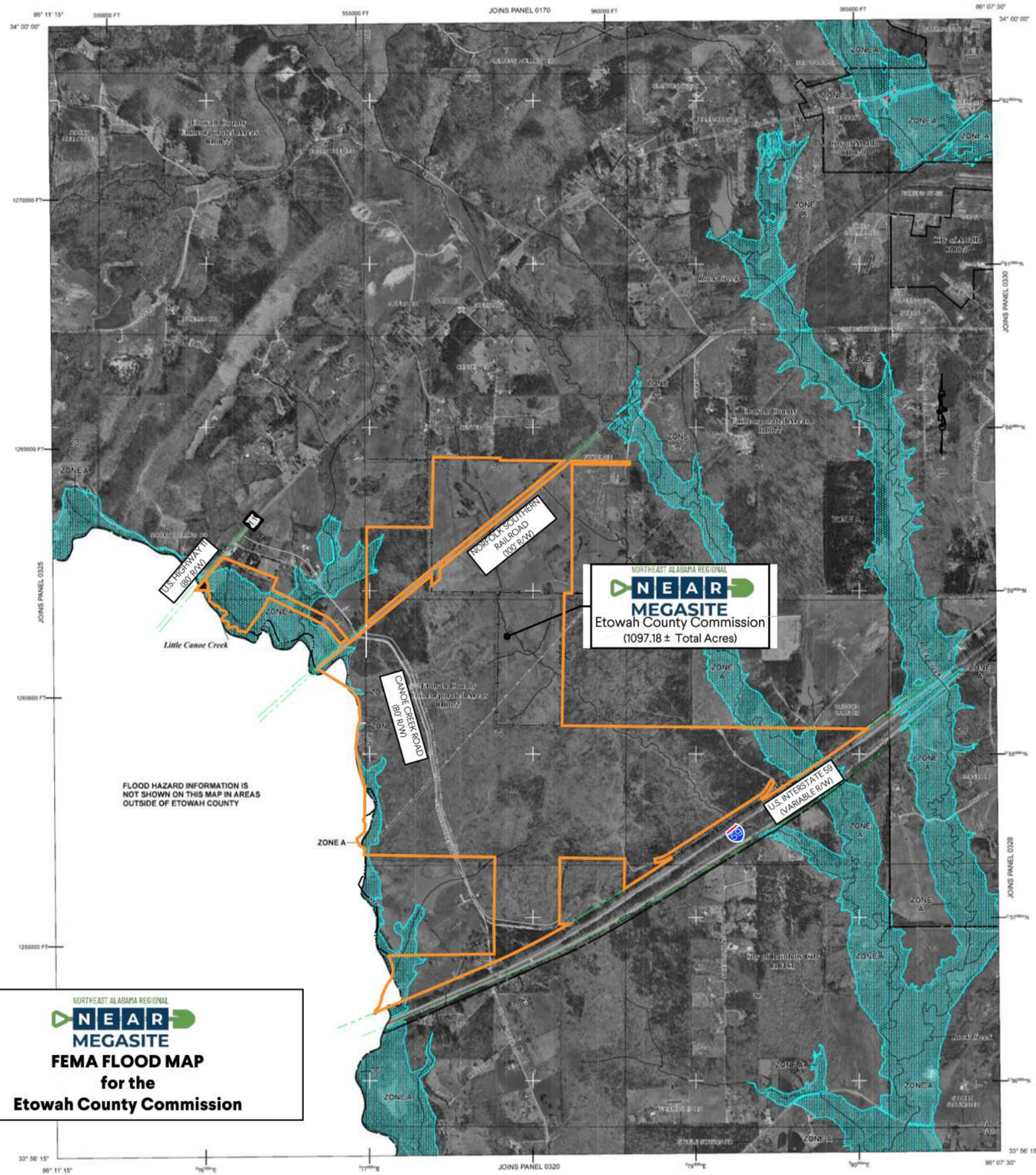
Please refer to the separately printed **Map Index** for an overview map of the county showing the layout of map panels; community map repository addresses; and a Listing of Communities table containing National Flood Insurance Program dates for each community as well as a listing of the panels on which each community is located.

For information on available products associated with this FIRM visit the **FEMA Map Service Center** website at http://msc.fema.gov. Available products may include previously issued Letters of Map Change, a Flood Insurance Study Report, and/or digital versions of this map. Many of these products can be ordered or obtained directly from the MSC website.

If you have **questions about this map**, how to order products or the National Flood Insurance Program in general, please call the FEMA Map Information eXchange at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627) or visit the FEMA website at http://www.fema.gov/.

ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA FIRM PANEL LOCATOR DIAGRAM

In cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and local communities in Alabama, this Flood Insurance Rate Map was developed by the Alabama Office of Water Resources in a digital statewide format to assist communities in their efforts to minimize the loss of property and life through effectively managing development in flood-prone areas. The State of Alabama has implemented a long term approach to floodplain management to reduce the impacts of flooding. This is demonstrated by the State's commitment to map floodplain areas at the local level. As part of this effort, the Alabama Office of Water Resources is working closely with FEMA as a Cooperating Technical Partner to produce and maintain this digital FIRM.



NORTHEAST ALABAMA REGIONAL
NEAR
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FEMA FLOOD MAP
for the
Etowah County Commission

LEGEND

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS (SFHAs) SUBJECT TO INUNDATION BY THE 1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD

The 1% annual chance flood (100-year flood), also known as the base flood, is the flood that has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The Special Flood Hazard Area is the area subject to flooding by the 1% annual chance flood. Areas of Special Flood Hazard include Zones A, AE, AH, AO, AR, A99, V, and VE. The Base Flood Elevation is the water-surface elevation of the 1% annual chance flood.

ZONE A	No Base Flood Elevations determined.
ZONE AE	Base Flood Elevations determined.
ZONE AH	Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually areas of ponding); Base Flood Elevations determined.
ZONE AO	Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain); average depths determined. For areas of alluvial fan flooding, velocities also determined.
ZONE AR	Special Flood Hazard Area formerly protected from the 1% annual chance flood by a flood control system that was subsequently decertified. Zone AR indicates that the former flood control system is being restored to provide protection from the 1% annual chance or greater flood.
ZONE A99	Area to be protected from 1% annual chance flood by a Federal flood protection system under construction; no Base Flood Elevations determined.
ZONE V	Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); no Base Flood Elevations determined.
ZONE VE	Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); Base Flood Elevations determined.

FLOODWAY AREAS IN ZONE AE

The floodway is the channel of a stream plus any adjacent floodplain areas that must be kept free of encroachment so that the 1% annual chance flood can be carried without substantial increases in flood heights.

OTHER FLOOD AREAS

ZONE X	Areas of 0.2% annual chance flood; areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depths of less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from 1% annual chance flood.

OTHER AREAS

ZONE X	Areas determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain.
ZONE D	Areas in which flood hazards are undetermined, but possible.

COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM (CBRS) AREAS

OTHERWISE PROTECTED AREAS (OPAS)

CBRS areas and OPAs are normally located within or adjacent to Special Flood Hazard Areas.

- 1% annual chance floodplain boundary
- 0.2% annual chance floodplain boundary
- Floodway boundary
- Zone D boundary
- Boundary dividing Special Flood Hazard Areas of different Base Flood Elevations, flood depths, or flood velocities.
- CBRS and OPA boundary
- International, State, or County boundary
- Corporate, Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, or Urban Growth boundary
- Area Not Included boundary
- Military Reservation, Native American Lands boundary
- 513 — Base Flood Elevation line and value; elevation in feet*
- (EL. 987) — Base Flood Elevation value where uniform within zone; elevation in feet*
  * Referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988
- A — A — Cross section line
- 23 — 23 — Transect line
- 87°07'45", 32°22'30" — Geographic coordinates referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83)
- 4276000mE — 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid values, zone 16
- 600000 FT — 5000-foot grid ticks: Alabama State Plane coordinate system, east zone (FIPS 0101), Lambert Conformal Conic projection
- DX5510 × — Bench mark (see explanation in Notes to Users section of this FIRM panel)
- M1.5 — River Mile
- Aqueduct, Culvert, Flume, Penstock, or Storm Sewer
- Road or Railroad Bridge

MAP REPOSITORY
Refer to listing of Map Repositories on Map Index

EFFECTIVE DATE OF COUNTYWIDE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP
SEPTEMBER 26, 2008

EFFECTIVE DATE(S) OF REVISION(S) TO THIS PANEL
MARCH 16, 2016 - to reflect updated topographic information, to incorporate previously issued Letters of Map Revision, to update Special Flood Hazard Areas, to update map format, to update road names, to incorporate previously issued Letters of Map Amendment, and to update corporate limits.

For community map revision history prior to countywide mapping, refer to the Community Map History table located in the Flood Insurance Study report for this jurisdiction.

To determine if flood insurance is available in this community, contact your insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-800-638-6620.

MAP SCALE 1" = 1000'
500 0 1000 2000 FEET
300 0 300 600 METERS

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FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

ETOWAH COUNTY, ALABAMA
AND INCORPORATED AREAS

PANEL 310 OF 475
(SEE LOCATOR DIAGRAM OR MAP INDEX FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT)

CONTAINS:

COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
ATTALLA, CITY OF	010079	0310	E
ETOWAH COUNTY	010077	0310	E
RAINBOW CITY, CITY OF	010351	0310	E

Notice to User: The **Map Number** shown below should be used when placing map orders; the **Community Number** shown above should be used on insurance applications for the subject community.

REVISED DATE	MAP NUMBER
MARCH 16, 2016	01055C0310E

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Etowah County, Alabama

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