

Getting Involved

We have produced a Communications and Engagement Plan which sets out how we will involve stakeholders and local people throughout the life of the project, e.g. via exhibition days, workshops, newsletters, media and online.

Engagement in SEA Scoping stage (Summer 2011 - Spring 2012)

Deliberation of draft Flood Maps and initial options (2012 - 2014)

Feedback on draft FRMPs (2014 - 2015)

HOW TO CONTACT US

You have an important role to play and we are keen to hear from you at any stage of the study. If you have information which can help the project, if you would like to be kept up-to-date on our work, or if you have any questions, you can contact us using any of the methods below.

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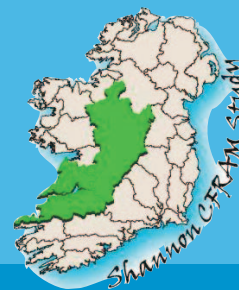
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WEBSITE

Coming Soon
www.shannoncframstudy.ie

Visit our new website for background information on the study, programme and timings, and information on how you can get involved. As the study progresses, it will be updated with newsletters, maps and plans for consultation events.

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Shannon Catchment-based Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Study

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Background

Flood risk in Ireland has historically been addressed through the use of structural or engineered solutions, such as the implementation of flood relief schemes to protect towns or areas already at risk. The emphasis nowadays is on a pro-active catchment-based approach to managing flood risk that also considers non-structural mitigation measures.

In line with government policy, the Office of Public Works (OPW) is currently undertaking a Catchment-based Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Study to give us a clear and comprehensive picture of flood risk in the Shannon study area and how the risk can be managed. The study area is split into five 'Units of Management' (UoM).

We will generate detailed flood maps showing where current and future flooding is likely to occur. Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) will set out how the OPW, local authorities and stakeholders should work together to take actions to address specific local flood risks. A specific programme of measures will be produced.



Progress so far

Since the appointment of Jacobs in January 2011 as the consultant for the Study, work has been ongoing in the following areas:

- Data collection and desk studies
- Flood Risk Review
- Surveys and site visits
- Hydrology and hydraulics
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

What's happening now?

The FRMPs are subject to a **Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)** which means that environmental considerations and sustainability principles must be taken into account when preparing the plans before they are adopted.

The SEA has four stages; we are currently at stage 2 where consultation is a key component of the process.

Stage 1 - Screening of Plans and Programmes

Stage 2 - Scoping the SEA

Stage 3 - Identification, Prediction, Evaluation & Mitigation of Potential Impacts

Stage 4 - Consultation, Revision and Post-Adoption

We are currently identifying the key environmental issues in the study area and establishing the baseline environmental conditions (both current and future) against which the effects of the proposed FRMPs can be assessed during later stages of the SEA. SEA Scoping Workshops will be held with a range of stakeholders during July and October 2011 to discuss the SEA Scoping process in detail. Public exhibitions will also be held in Autumn 2011.