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## **UPPER DARBY SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTED TO BUILDING NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE 69TH STREET AREA**

*Upper Darby School District's Comprehensive Facilities Plan  
includes 69th Street area elementary school*

**Upper Darby, PA** - Upper Darby School District, faced with overcrowding in their Elementary and Middle Schools, remains committed to building a new elementary school in the 69th Street area.

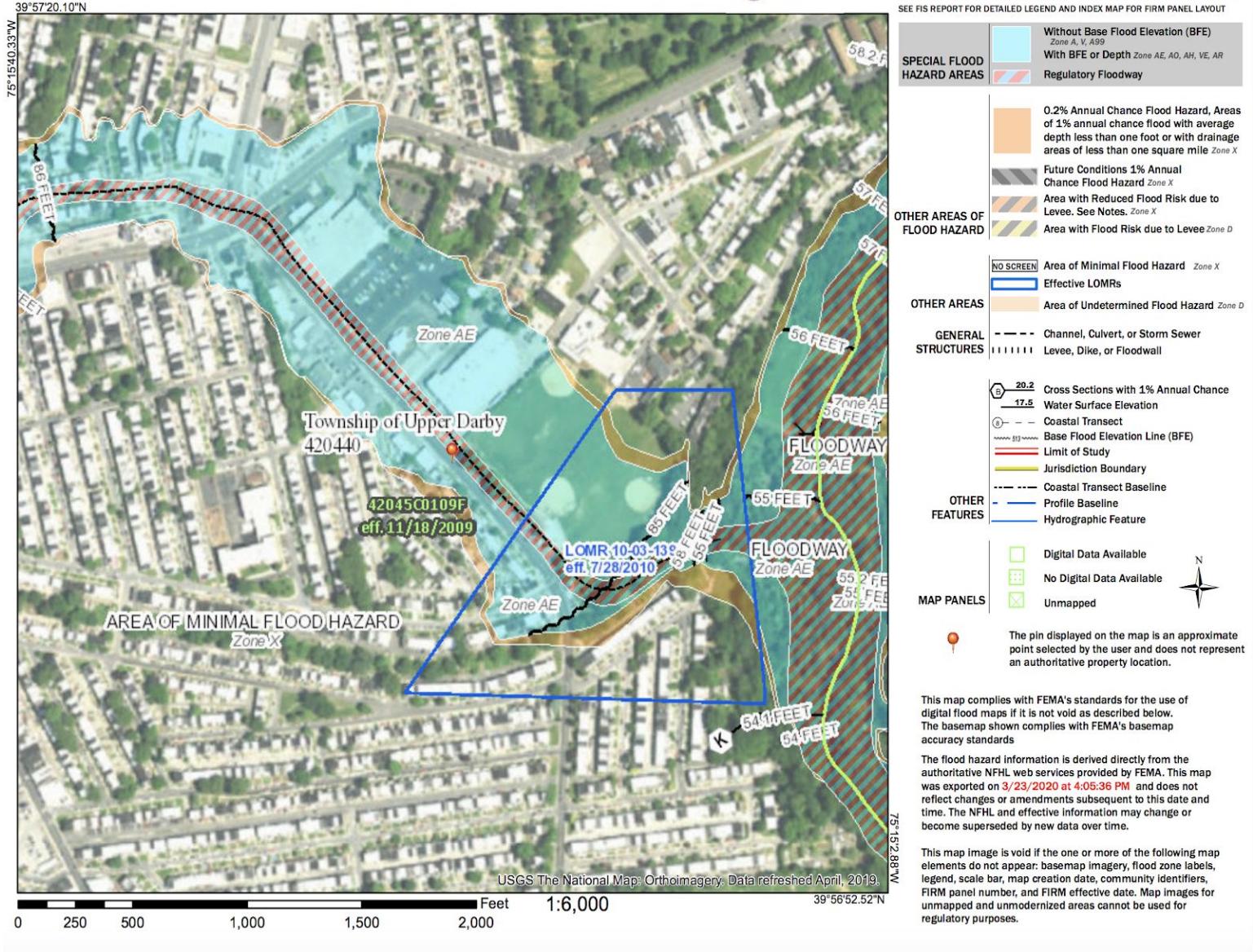
The District has reviewed information from FEMA that the 69th Street site is designated as a flood plain (see attached FEMA document). The FEMA Flood Map included in this communication features the area(s) included in the flood hazard area, with the area under consideration **for the new elementary school site (the athletic fields located at 69th Street)** highlighted in blue.

The District acknowledges that building in the FEMA-designated flood prone zone would require several State and Federal reviews. A project completed in a flood zone may also lead to increased insurance costs as well as additional management and maintenance costs. The location also requires a change with current Township zoning ordinances because current ordinances do not permit the building of a school at that location. As a result of such considerations and guidance from the District's legal team and architectural consultants, the District will need to reconsider submitting a proposal to build in the flood prone area located on 69th Street.

"We are aware that there is a lot of messaging out in the community about the possibility of the District building a new elementary school on the athletic field located on 69th Street," says Dr. Daniel McGarry, Superintendent of Schools. "While this particular area has been deemed as a zone that is not advisable to build a brand new elementary school on, we remain committed to building a new elementary school in the most densely populated area of our school district."

***\*\*Note: See the National Flood Hazard map from FEMA on the attached page.\*\****

# National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette



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