

Natural Flood Management EA National Approach

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Overview

- ➔ The role of Natural Flood Management
- ➔ Challenges
- ➔ Priority themes
- ➔ Our approach

Natural Flood Management

...taking action to manage flood and coastal erosion risk by protecting, restoring and emulating the natural regulating function of catchments, rivers, floodplains and coasts

...is a spectrum of measures



Natural Flood Management in Action



Key challenges

- ➔ (Perception of) red tape
- ➔ Future maintenance liability needs addressing
- ➔ Partnership takes effort
- ➔ Ring-fenced funding sources hard to align
- ➔ Effectiveness of new ideas is uncertain

E.g. Promote good practice and proportionate effort and assurance

E.g. Optimise future partnership funding arrangements

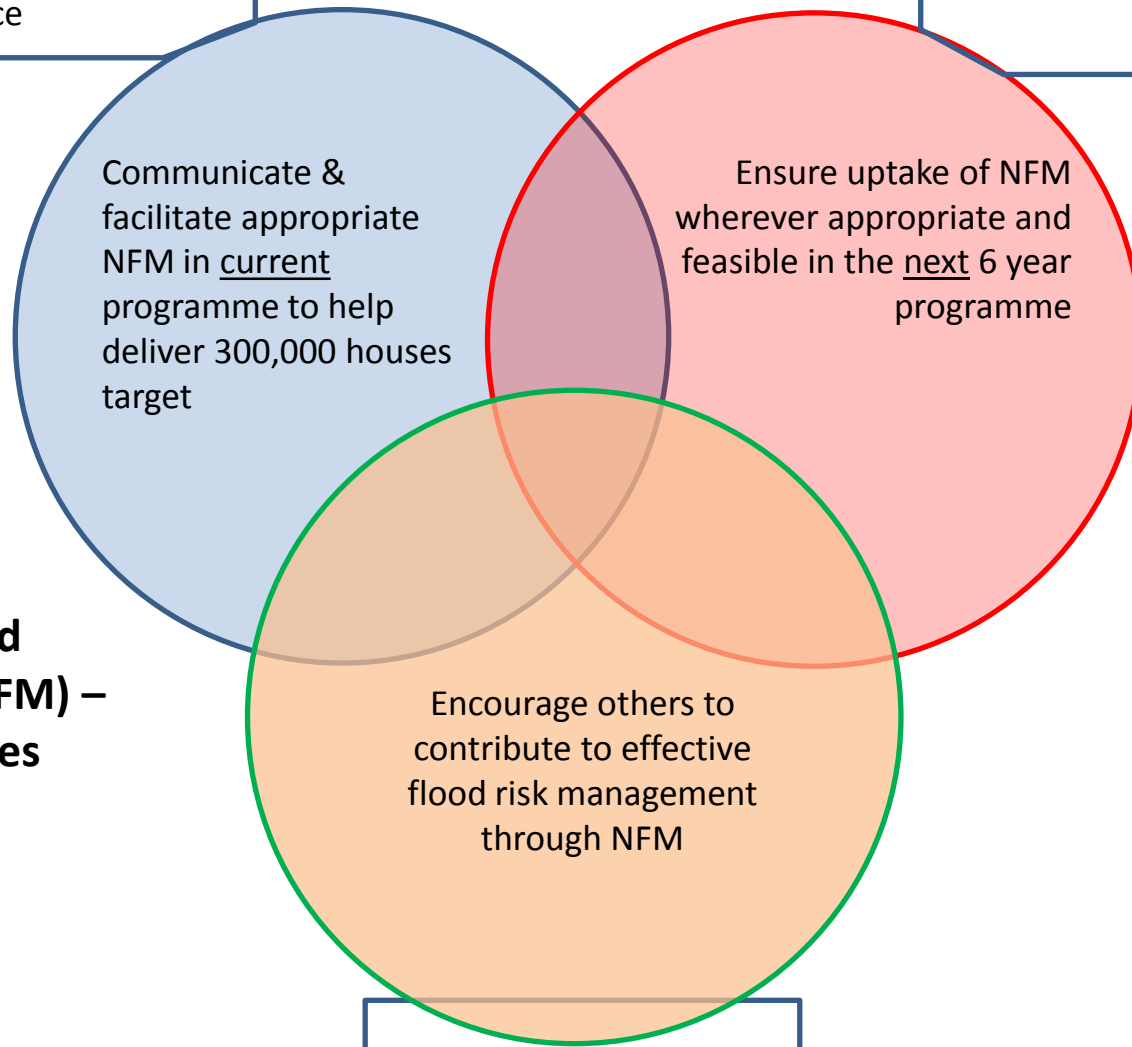
Communicate & facilitate appropriate NFM in current programme to help deliver 300,000 houses target

Ensure uptake of NFM wherever appropriate and feasible in the next 6 year programme

Encourage others to contribute to effective flood risk management through NFM

E.g. Use of Countryside Stewardship (and post brexit revised funding)

Natural Flood Management (NFM) – priority themes



Our Approach

- ➔ Clear about goals: protecting households, healthier rivers & lakes
- ➔ Strategic planning for catchments and coasts
- ➔ Single plans across Defra
- ➔ NFM as one of the tools in the FCRM toolbox
- ➔ Proportionate approach to assurance
- ➔ Open to partnership working
- ➔ ... and Led by evidence