



SUIR CATCHMENT FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT STUDY (SUIR CFRAM STUDY)

INFORMATION LEAFLET

INTRODUCTION

The Office of Public Works (OPW) and its partners: -

- Tipperary County Council,
- Kilkenny County Council,
- Waterford City & County Council

have recognised the levels of existing flood risk in and around the River Suir and its tributaries. Flood Risk is likely to increase in the future with predicted changes in climate, ongoing development and other pressures that may arise.

To address this issue, a catchment flood risk assessment and management (**CFRAM**) study of the entire catchment is now being undertaken. The catchment, shown in Fig 1, is approximately 3,520km².

The study will focus primarily on developed areas and areas subject to significant development pressure known to have experienced flooding in the past or believed to be at risk of flooding in the future. These Areas for further Assessment (i.e. **AFAs**) are listed in Table 1.

STUDY OBJECTIVES.

- Assess the flood risk to the catchment as a whole both now and in the future
- Identify how future land use and climate change may increase the risk of flooding.
- Carry out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), to ensure that environmental issues and opportunities for enhancement are considered.
- Consider potential options to manage the flood risk including both structural and non-structural measures.
- Develop an economically, socially and environmentally appropriate long-term strategy (*Catchment Flood Risk Management Plan, CFRMP*) to manage the flood risk and help ensure the safety and sustainability of communities in the Suir Catchment.
- To comply with the requirements of the European Directive on the Assessment and Management of Flood Risk.

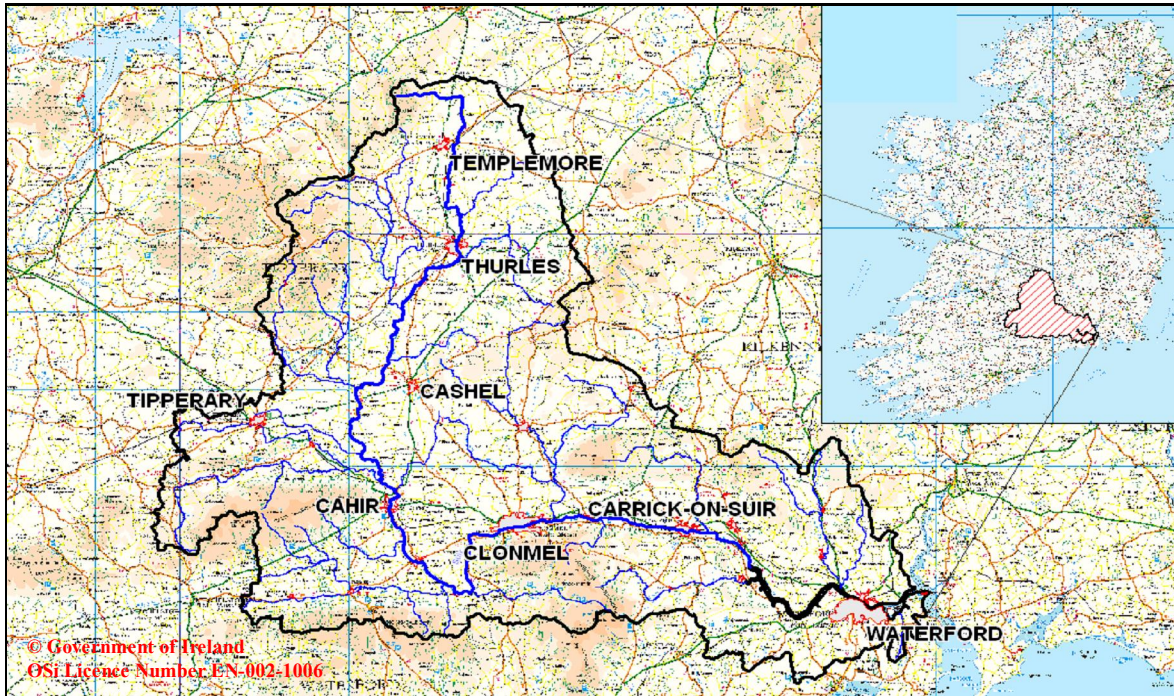


Fig 1 Map of Suir Catchment

• ARDFINNAN	• FETHARD	• NEWCASTLE
• BALLYMACARBRY	• FIDDOWN	• PILTOWN
• BALLYPOREEN	• GOLDEN	• PORTLAW
• BANSHA	• HOLYCROSS	• TEMPLEMORE
• BORRISOLEIGH	• KILSHEELAN	• THURLES
• CAHIR	• MULLINAHONE	• TIPPERARY TOWN
• CARRICK-ON-SUIR	• MULLINAVAT	• WATERFORD CITY
• CLOGHEEN		
• CLONMEL (including MARLFIELD & KNOCKLOFTY)		

Table 1 List of Areas for further Assessment for Suir CFRAMs

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Consultation will be undertaken throughout the study to ensure that the knowledge, experience and views of the stakeholders and the general public are taken into account at all stages of the development of the CFRMP. Public Consultation days will be advertised in the local press, websites of participating local authorities and website of the Office of Public Works.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION- DRAFT FLOOD MAPS

Draft Predictive Flood Risk Maps for the Suir CFRAMs have been developed. To provide an opportunity for all interested

persons to view and comment on these maps, a number of Public Consultation Days are being held at the locations listed below. Members of the OPW Suir CFRAM Study project team will be available at each location to discuss and explain the maps to all attending on the day.

The Draft Flood Maps will be on display at each event and can also be accessible on www.southeastcfamstudy.ie from that date. Members of the public can provide observations on the Draft Flood Maps, at the public consultation event and/or through the website.