

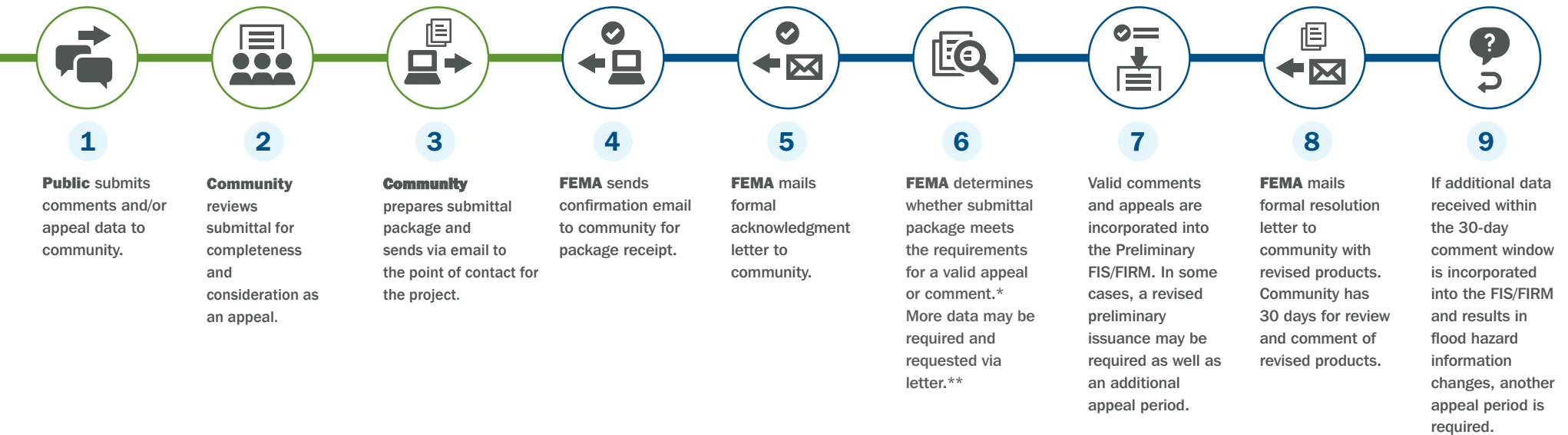
FEMA Comments and Appeals Submittal Process

After FEMA issues preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), a statutory 90-day appeal period is provided to communities with new or modified flood hazard information during which the community or any property owner or lessee may provide data to demonstrate that the proposed flood hazard areas, elevations, or depths on the preliminary FIRM or in the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report are incorrect.

FEMA starts the 90-day appeal process by:

- Publishing a notice in the Federal Register;
- Notifying the affected communities of the start of the period by letter; and
- Publishing a legal notice twice in a prominent local newspaper

All appeals must be received by FEMA on or prior to the 90th day of the appeal period to be considered for incorporation. The following workflow outlines the process for submitting comments and appeals during the 90-day appeal period.



*If any data processing is required for the package to be FIS/FIRM ready, the submittal does not qualify as an appeal

**If additional data is needed to make a determination, the submittal does not qualify as an appeal