

Stream Encroachment

- What is stream encroachment?
 - Stream encroachment in the Land Use
 Program is a term that refers to development, construction and/or disturbance within the flood plain.
 - "Development" means any construction activity or other manmade land disturbance.



Before you Buy, Before you Build

Anyone thinking of buying property by a river for a new office building, store or shopping center?

Or maybe building a little cottage by a pond, lake or stream?

Maybe expanding an existing building or home and a small stream is in the way, or crossing a stream with your new driveway.

In all these cases you are most likely in a flood plain and you probably need a Stream Encroachment Permit before you build. In New Jersey and throughout the country, building in areas subject to flooding is regulated to protect lives, property, and the environment.



Flood Plain Regulations

 New Jersey regulates construction in the flood plain under the Flood Hazard Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:16A-50 et seq).... 58:16A-1. Short title: declaration of advisability

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b. It is hereby declared that the State deems it advisable to participate in a program of flood control in the State of New Jersey in the manner hereinafter described.

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Flood Plain Regulations

In legal terms...

It is in the interest of the safety, health, and general welfare of the people of the State that legislative action be taken to empower the Department of Environmental Protection to delineate and mark flood hazard areas, to authorize the Department of **Environmental Protection to adopt land use** regulations for the flood hazard area, to control stream encroachments, to coordinate effectively the development, dissemination, and use of information on floods and flood damages that may be available, to authorize the delegation of certain administrative and enforcement functions to county governing bodies and to integrate the flood control activities of the municipal, county, State and Federal Governments.

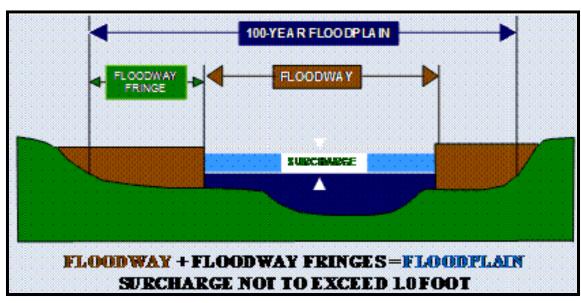


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So what is the Flood Plain?

"Flood plain" means the area inundated by the regulatory flood including the watercourse that creates it. The extent of the flood plain is determined by the area that would flood in a 100 year storm.

(A 100 year storm is a storm that has a 1 in 100 chance of occurring during any particular year)



Why does the Floodplain matter?

There are two main reasons the state regulates work in the floodplain.

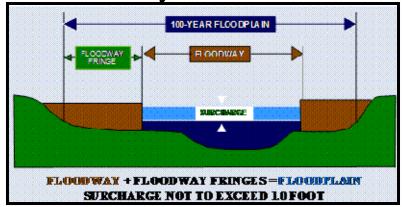
- To minimize losses due to the estimated \$690 million in losses paid in NJ since 1978.
- When you build on a flood plain and the waters begin to rise, the buildings on your property displace water thus increasing the height of the rising waters and making the flooding worse everywhere along the banks.



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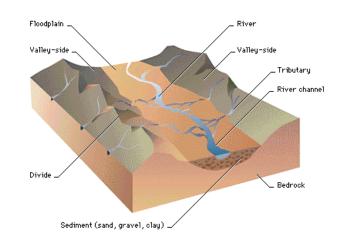
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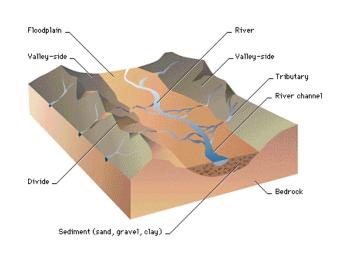
- The floodway the channel and portions of the flood plain adjoining the channel which are reasonably required to carry and discharge the regulatory flood. For the purpose of this chapter the term floodway shall refer to both the delineated floodway on State Adopted Studies and the area between the encroachment lines located on both sides of a nondelineated watercourse.
- The flood fringe means that portion of the flood plain outside of the floodway or encroachment lines.



How to Determine if a Property is in the Floodplain

- Every body of water has a floodplain.
 - If there is a stream, lake, pond, or river on or near the property, it is likely in a flood plain.
 - If the land near the water body is flat it is more likely to be in the flood plain.
 - If there are steep slopes around the water bodies, the flood plain my be smaller and more restricted.





Since a flood plain's size depends on so many factors, it can be accurately determined only through a detailed engineering analysis, in which an engineer calculates and maps the flood plain based on water movement and topography.

Streams, Lakes or Ponds

If your stream, lake, or pond is not already mapped, you can obtain a jurisdictional determination from the DEP. To determine who to call, click the link below and locate the appropriate number for your county.



http://www.state.nj.us/dep/landuse/contact.html

Obtaining FIRMs

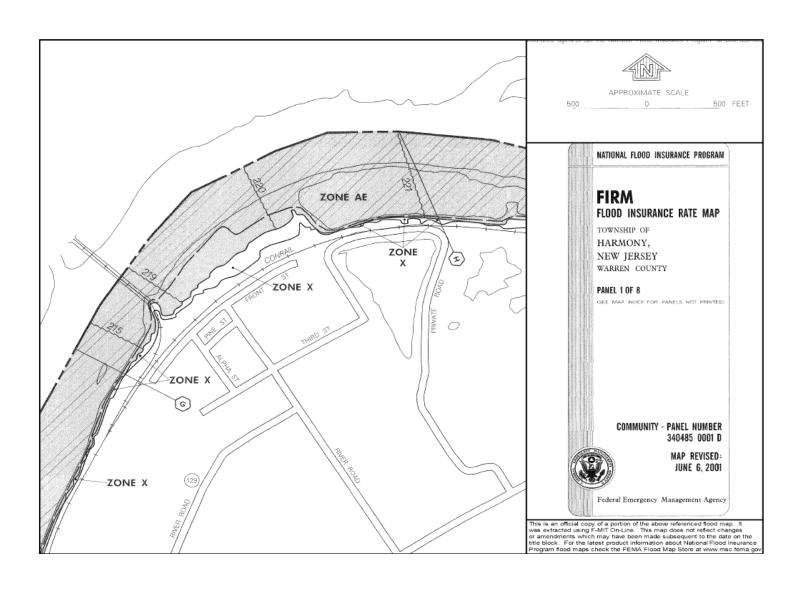
 These maps should always be available at municipal offices. They are also available at the the FEMA website:

www.msc.fema.gov

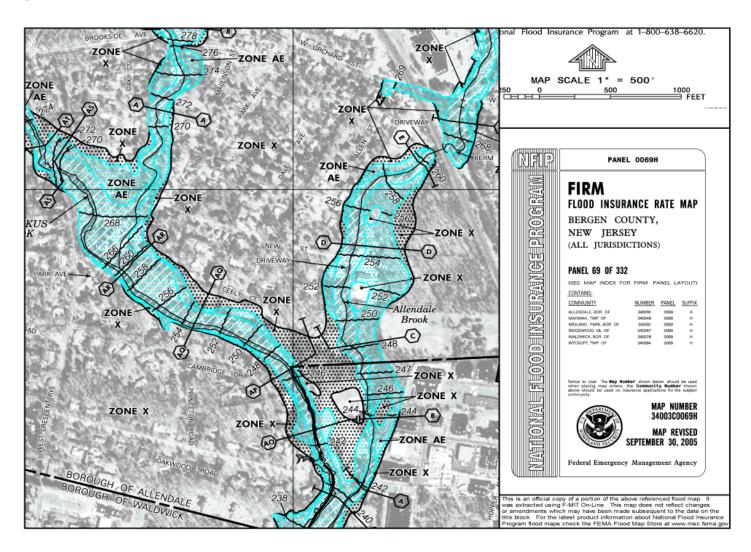
Flood Map

 You can search for maps by address on the site by clicking on the FEMA Flood Map Store icon.

Sample Flood Insurance Rate Map



Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map



Does being in the Floodplain mean nothing can be built?

Building in the Flood Plain requires a permit. There are two types of permits:

major and minor



Regulatory Definitions

- •A flood hazard area exists along every regulated water that has a drainage area of 50 acres or more. If a regulated water has a drainage area of less than 50 acres, the water does not have a flood hazard area that is regulated under this chapter. The flood hazard area is comprised of a flood fringe and a floodway, except for the Atlantic Ocean and other non-linear tidal waters such as bays and inlets, which do not have a floodway.
- •Therefore, the entire flood hazard area along these tidal waters is considered to be a flood fringe.
- •A riparian zone exists along every regulated water, except there is no riparian zone along the Atlantic Ocean nor along any manmade lagoon, stormwater management basin, or oceanfront barrier island, spit or peninsula. The regulated water itself is also part of the riparian zone.

Determining the Presence of a Floodway

There are six methods for determining the flood hazard area and floodway: along a regulated water:

Method 1 (Department delineation method) 2

Method 2 (FEMA tidal method)

Method 3 (FEMA fluvial method)

Method 4 (FEMA hydraulic method)

Method 5 (approximation method)

Method 6 (calculation method)

Building in a Floodplain requires permits:

- Minor Permits a minor permit is required if the flooding impacts are easy to determine.
 - Examples:
 - Utility Lines
 - Single Family Homes
- Major Permits a major permit is required if the flooding impacts or the project are complex
- Examples
 - Roads over streams
 - Complex projects

Applying for a permit

A form can be obtained from the NJ
 DEP website at
 http://www.state.nj.us/dep/landuse/forms/index.html#

 An engineer would most likely prepare the permit application of the proposed work.

Summary of Permit By Rule

Permit-by-Rule is a category of permits for developments, which the Department has determined have minimal potential for environmental impact.

Table A SUMMARY OF PERMITS-BY-RULE

This Table is for informational purposes only. See N.J.A.C. 7:13-7.2(a) through (f) for specific applicable limits and requirements for each permit-by-rule

(a) Activities that require 14-day prior notice to the Department

- Reconstructing a lawfully existing structure outside a floodway
- 2. Constructing in a disturbed riparian zone or at or below grade in a flood hazard area
- 3. Elevating a building above the flood hazard area design flood elevation
- Constructing an addition to a building of no more than 300 square feet outside a floodway
- Removing a major obstruction from a regulated water with machinery
- 6. Constructing a boat launching ramp of no more than 1,000 square feet
- 7. Constructing an aquatic habitat enhancement device
- 8. Constructing a USGS-approved flow gauge or weir

Summary of General Permits

Table B SUMMARY OF GENERAL PERMITS

This Table is for informational purposes only. See N.J.A.C. 7:13-8.3 through 8.12 for specific applicable limits and requirements for each general permit

| Permit | Description | Citation |
|--------|--|----------|
| 1 | Channel cleaning by a public entity under the Stream Cleaning Act | 8.3 |
| 2A | Agricultural: Soil erosion control, bank stabilization or bank restoration | 8.4(c)1 |
| 2B | Agricultural: Channel cleaning | 8.4(c)2 |
| 2C | Agricultural: Constructing a roadway across a water | 8.4(c)3 |
| 2D | Agricultural: Filling a manmade water for freshwater wetlands restoration | 8.4(c)4 |
| 2E | Agricultural: Creating a ford across a water to manage livestock | 8.4(c)5 |
| 2F | Agricultural: Constructing a fence across or along a water to manage livestock | 8.4(c)6 |
| 2G | Agricultural: Constructing a pump or water intake along a water for livestock | 8.4(c)7 |
| 3 | Bridge or culvert scour protection by a public entity | 8.5 |
| 4 | Stormwater maintenance by a public entity | 8.6 |
| 5 | Relocating a building to reduce flood damage | 8.7 |
| 6 | Reconstructing a damaged or destroyed residence | 8.8 |
| 7 | Residential construction in a tidal flood hazard area | 8.9 |
| 8 | Utility line across or along a water draining less than 50 acres | 8.10 |
| 9 | Roadway or footbridge across a water draining less than 50 acres | 8.11 |
| 10 | Stormwater outfall along a water draining less than 50 acres | 8.12 |

Summary Continued

| (b) General construction | and maintenance activities |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
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- Conducting normal property maintenance in a riparian zone
- 2. Removing a lawfully existing structure outside a floodway
- Placing no more than 5 cubic yards of fill material outside a floodway
- 4. Repairing a lawfully existing structure
- Constructing a fence
- Construction in a tidal flood fringe that does not need a coastal permit
- 7. Constructing an addition above a building outside a floodway
- 8. Constructing a non-habitable building of no more than 150 square feet outside a floodway
- 9. Constructing an open structure with a roof outside a floodway (e.g., car port, patio, pole barn)
- 10. Constructing an aboveground recreational structure (e.g., bleacher, picnic table, backstop)
- 11. Constructing an aboveground swimming pool outside a floodway
- 12. Constructing an in-ground swimming pool
- 13. Constructing an open deck attached to a building
- 14. Constructing an open dock of no more than 1,000 square feet on an impounded water
- 15. Placing an aboveground fuel tank of no more than 2,000 gallons outside a floodway
- 16. Placing an underground fuel tank
- 17. Filling an abandoned raceway
- 18. Maintaining a manmade canal that passes through a regulated area

(c) Activities associated with utilities

- 1. Placing a utility pole
- Placing an open-frame utility tower outside a floodway
- 3. Jacking an underground utility line beneath a water
- 4. Placing an underground utility line beneath existing payement
- 5. Attaching a utility line to the downstream face of a roadway that crosses a water
- 6. Placing an underground utility line in a flood hazard area outside a riparian zone

(d) Activities associated with roadways and parking areas

- Repaving a roadway or parking area outside a floodway
- 2. Placing an open guardrail along a public roadway
- 3. Removing sediment by hand adjacent to a bridge, culvert or outfall along a public roadway
- Reconstructing a bridge superstructure above a flood hazard area

(e) Activities associated with the storage of unsecured material

- 1. Temporary storage of construction material outside a floodway
- 2. Incidental storage of material associated with a residence
- Incidental storage of material associated with a non-residence
- Operating an existing business that stores and distributes material
- 5. Operating an existing hazardous waste facility
- Operating an existing solid waste facility

(f) Agricultural activities

- 1. Continuing ongoing agricultural activities that result in no fill
- Commencing new agricultural activities that result in no fill
- Undertaking soil conservation practices outside a floodway
- 4. Constructing an agricultural building of no more than 1,000 square feet outside a floodway

What is a Riparian Zone?



The riparian area of a watershed consists of the vegetation immediately adjacent to, and directly influenced by a stream, river or lake. The riparian area is very important to the health of the aquatic area and in general, the more intact the riparian area, the healthier the aquatic area, such as a stream.

Riparian Zone Protection

- 300 feet on both sides of Category One water and upstream tributaries within the same HUC-14 watershed; (Hydrologic Unit Codes for 970 sub-watersheds);
- •150 feet on both sides of an upstream tributary to a trout production water not in the HUC-14 watershed;
- •A trout maintenance water body and all upstream tributaries within one mile;
- •Any segment of water flowing through an area containing documented habitat for a threatened or endangered species of plant or animal;
- Any segment of water flowing through an area containing acid producing soils.
- •50 feet along both sides of all other waters.

Allowed Riparian Disturbances

The allowed riparian zone disturbances range from 300 square feet for reconstruction of a driveway in a 50-foot riparian zone to 5,000 square feet for construction of a private residence in a 300-foot buffer that received preliminary or final subdivision approval before October 2, 2006 and that meets the Stormwater Management Regulations.



Riparian Zone Disturbance Will Only be Allowed if:

- The basic purpose of the project cannot be accomplished on site without disturbing vegetation in the riparian zone;
- Disturbance to the riparian zone is eliminated where possible and minimized where not possible by relocating the project, reducing the size of the project, or situating the project in portions of the riparian zone where previous development or disturbance has occurred;
- Any temporarily cleared area of vegetation must be replanted with indigenous, non-invasive vegetation;
- An applicant must also meet the additional requirements for the specific proposed activity. The riparian zone regulations also set a limit on the amount of disturbance allowed for 69 specific activities.

Requirements for a Regulated Activity in a Riparian Zone

Table C
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE DISTURBANCE TO RIPARIAN ZONE VEGETATION

| Proposed Regulated Activity | | See Paragraph Below | Maximum Area of Vegetation Disturbance Based on the Width of the Riparian Zone | | | |
|--|--|---------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | | for Further Detail | 50-foot Riparian Zone | 150-foot Riparian Zone | 300-foot Riparian Zone | |
| Paileas | nd or public roadway | | | | | |
| New | Crossing a water | T 1 | 5,000 ft ² | 15,000 ft ² | 30,000 ft ² | |
| 14CW | Not crossing a water | (e) | 2,000 ft ² | 6,000 ft ² | 12,000 ft ² | |
| Reconstructed | Crossing a water | | 2,500 ft ² | 7.500 ft ² | 15,000 ft ² | |
| Reconstructed | Not crossing a water | (f) | 1,000 ft ² | 3,000 ft ² | 6,000 ft ² | |
| Private | roadway that serves as | a drivoway | | | 0,000 10 | |
| New | Crossing a water | | 1,500 ft ² | 4,500 ft ² | 9,000 ft ² | |
| 11CW | Not crossing a water | (g) | 600 ft ² | 1,800 ft ² | 3,600 ft ² | |
| Reconstructed | | | 750 ft ² | 2,250 ft ² | 4,500 ft ² | |
| Reconstructed | ructed Crossing a water Not crossing a water (h) | (h) | 300 ft ² | 900 ft ² | 1,800 ft ² | |
| All oth | er private roadways | | 300 10 | 300 It | 1,000 10 | |
| New | Crossing a water | | 3,000 ft ² | 9,000 ft ² | 18,000 ft ² | |
| 1100 | Not crossing a water | (g) | 1,200 ft ² | 3,600 ft ² | 7,200 ft ² | |
| Reconstructed | Crossing a water | | 1,500 ft ² | 4,500 ft ² | 9,000 ft ² | |
| Tecconsulation of | Not crossing a water | (h) | 600 ft ² | 1,800 ft ² | 3,600 ft ² | |
| Bank si | tabilization or channel | restoration | 000 10 | 1,000 10 | 3,000 10 | |
| | with vegetation alone | i cotor actor | No limit if disturbance is justified | | | |
| Other permane | | (i) | 2,000 ft ² | 2,000 ft ² | 2,000 ft ² | |
| _ | Other temporary disturbance | | 1,000 ft ² | 3.000 ft ² | 6,000 ft ² | |
| | vater discharge (includ | ing nine and | - | -, | 0,000 20 | |
| Permanent dist | | | 1,000 ft ² | 1,000 ft ² | 1,000 ft ² | |
| Temporary dist | | (j) | 1,000 ft ² | 3,000 ft ² | 6,000 ft ² | |
| | line (temporary disturb | nance only) | 2,000 20 | 2,000 21 | 0,000 20 | |
| Crossing a wat | <u> </u> | (k) | 2,000 ft ² | 6,000 ft ² | 12,000 ft ² | |
| Not crossing a | | (1) | 800 ft ² | 2,400 ft ² | 4.800 ft ² | |
| Other | | (*) | 555 11 | 2,100 10 | 1,000 10 | |
| Private residen | | (m) | 2,500 ft ² | 5,000 ft ² | 5,000 ft ² | |
| Addition, garage, barn or shed | | (n) | 1,000 ft ² | 2,000 ft ² | 2,000 ft ² | |
| Flood control project | | (0) | 3,000 ft ² | 9,000 ft ² | 18,000 ft ² | |
| Public accessway or public access area | | (p) | No limit if disturbance is justified | | | |
| Water dependent development | | (q) | No limit if disturbance is justified | | | |
| All other regula | | (r) | 1,000 ft ² | 3,000 ft ² | 6,000 ft ² | |

C1 designation "targets water bodies that provide drinking water, habitat for Endangered and Threatened species, and popular recreational and/or commercial species, such as trout or shellfish. Waterways can be designated Category One because of exceptional ecological significance, exceptional water supply significance, exceptional recreational significance, exceptional shellfish resource, or exceptional fisheries resource. "

Category 1 Waters



clean and plentiful

Restricted Time Periods for Waters with Fisheries Resources

| Water and classification | Time period (inclusive) during which activities are prohibited | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Trout Waters | | | | | |
| All trout production waters except rainbow trout | September 15 through March 15 | | | | |
| Rainbow trout production waters | February 1 through April 30 | | | | |
| Trout stocked waters | March 15 through June 15 | | | | |
| Trout maintenance waters | | | | | |
| Any water located within 1 mile upstream of a | | | | | |
| trout stocked or a trout maintenance water | | | | | |
| 2. Non-Trout Waters | | | | | |
| Waters that support general game fish | May 1 through June 30 | | | | |
| Waters that support pickerel | Ice out through April 30 | | | | |
| Waters that support walleye | March 1 through May 30 | | | | |
| 3. Anadromous Waters | | | | | |
| All unimpeded tidal waters open to the Atlantic | April 1 through June 30 | | | | |
| Ocean or any coastal bay | | | | | |
| All waters identified as anadromous migratory | | | | | |
| pathways | | | | | |
| Delaware River upstream of U.S. Route 202 | April 1 through June 30 and | | | | |
| D | September 1 through November 30 | | | | |
| Delaware River between U.S. Route 202 and | March 1 through June 30 | | | | |
| Interstate 276 (Pennsylvania Turnpike Bridge) | 26 44 4 4 7 20 40 4 | | | | |
| Delaware River between Interstate 276 | March 1 through June 30 and September | | | | |
| (Pennsylvania Turnpike Bridge) and Interstate | 1 through November 30 | | | | |
| 295 (Delaware Memorial Bridge) | | | | | |
| Tidal portions of Raccoon, Rancocas Creek, Creek, Greeks and Cooper Piver | | | | | |
| Crosswicks Creeks and Cooper River All unimpeded tidal waters open to the Delaware. | March 1 through June 30 and | | | | |
| All unimpeded tidal waters open to the Delaware River downstream of Interstate 295 (Delaware | October 1 through November 30 | | | | |
| Memorial Bridge) | October 1 tillough November 50 | | | | |
| Tidal portions of the Maurice River, Cohansey | | | | | |
| River and Salem River | | | | | |

A number of permits allow disturbance in the riparian zone only 25 feet from the top of bank, including:

- New private residences on a lot that received preliminary or final approval before October 2, 2006;
- An addition to an existing building or construction of a building appurtenant to an existing building;
- A public access way along a tidal water;
- Construction of a water dependent project that requires clearing, cutting, removing vegetation in the riparian zone.

Waivers

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) will issue hardship waivers for projects that go beyond the limits set for riparian zone projects. The applicants must

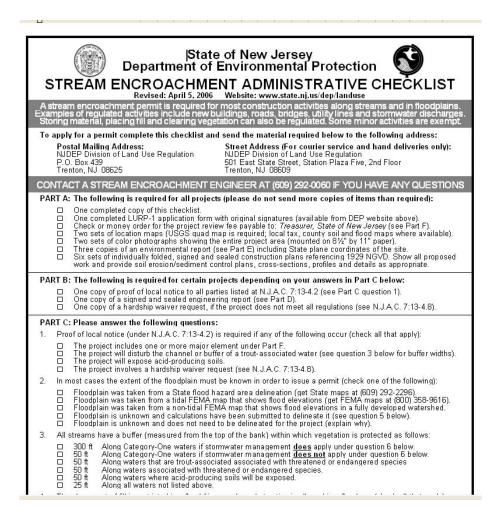
- Provide 2:1 compensation in the form of re-vegetation;
- •Place a deed restriction on the compensation area.



The Stream
 Encroachment
 Administrative
 Checklist, found at
 http://www.state.nj.us/dep/lan

duse/forms/chkstream.doc

is required for permits and guides you through the requirements for obtaining one



Other Regulations?

In addition, the following regulatory programs administered by other agencies may affect projects in New Jersey flood plains:

- •NJ -IRC (International Residential Code) and NJ IBC (International Building Code)
- Local flood damage prevention ordinances.
- •The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides FIRMs Call (800) 358-9616. For flood insurance information call (888) 379-9531
- •Federal Wetlands Program (404 Program). In some parts of New Jersey, in addition to a DEP freshwater wetlands permit, you may also need a federal wetlands permit, issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. An Army Corps permit is needed in the Hackensack Meadowlands area, Greenwood Lake, and in any tidally flowed waters or wetlands. Contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Philadelphia at (215) 656-6500, or New York City at (212) 264-4185

Electronic Forms Available Online:

http://www.state.nj.us/dep/landuse/forms/index.html#SE

FLOOD HAZARD AREA FORMS & DOCUMENTS

| Description | Format | Size | Updated |
|--|-------------|-------|-----------|
| Flood Hazard Area Applicability Determination Checklist | Word Doc | 203KB | 11/5/2007 |
| Flood Hazard Area General Permit #1 Checklist | Word Doc | 210KB | 5/15/2008 |
| Flood Hazard Area General Permit #2-10 Checklist | | 211KB | 5/15/2008 |
| Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit Checklist | Word Doc | 222KB | 11/5/2007 |
| Flood Hazard Area Verification Checklist | Word Doc | 209KB | 11/5/2007 |
| Flood Hazard Area GP Certification Form - coming soon | | | |
| Flood Hazard Area Technical Manual - coming soon | | | |
| List Of Threatened and Endangered Species that are Critically Dependent on Regulated Waters for Survival | Adobe Pdf 📥 | 88KB | 5/15/2008 |
| Completion Report | Adobe Pdf 📥 | ЗКВ | N/A |
| Construction Report | Adobe Pdf 🚣 | ЗКВ | N/A |
| Acceptance of Revocable Construction Permit | Adobe Pdf 🚣 | ЗКВ | N/A |
| Stormwater Review Fee Worksheet | Word Doc | 140KB | 1/3/2006 |

General Information about NJDEP Land Use Regulations



www.state.nj.us/dep/landuse/index.html



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Flood

Floods are one of the most common hazards in the United States. Flood effects can be local, impacting a neighborhood or community, or very large, affecting entire river basins and multiple states.

However, all floods are not alike. Some floods develop slowly, sometimes over a period of days. But flash floods can develop quickly, sometimes in just a few minutes and without any visible signs of rain. Flash floods often have a dangerous wall of roaring water that carries rocks, mud, and other debris and can sweep away most things in its path. Overland flooding occurs outside a defined river or stream, such as when a levee is breached, but still can be destructive. Flooding control occur when a dam breaks, producing affects similar to flood flood.

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Be aware of flood hazards no matter where you live, but especial you live in a low-lying area, near water or downstream from a dam. Even very small streams, gullies, creeks, culverts, dry streambeds, or low-lying ground that appear harmless in dry weather can flood. Every state is at risk from this hazard.

What is the history of flooding where I live?

How can I protect myself from a flood?

- Know your flood terms
- · What to do before a flood
- · What to do during a flood
- What to do after a flood

Fast Facts

Learn about flood risk and flood insurance

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Related Topics

Flood Photos
Floodplain Management
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www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/index.shtm

What is Floodplain Management?

Floodplain management is the operation of a community program of corrective and preventative measures for reducing flood damage. These measures take a variety of forms and generally include requirements for zoning, subdivision or building, and special-purpose floodplain ordinances

A community's agreement to adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances, particularly with respect to new construction is an investment in making flood insurance available to home and but owners. Currently over 20,100 communities columnarily local floodplain management ordinances the building standards for new and existing decision.

To help State and local officials in impl

- "NFIP Policy Keyword Index"
- NFIP Floodplain Management Requirements

To encourage communities to establish sound floodplain management programs that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements the Community Rating System (CRS) was created. This program provides communities with discounts to flood insurance rates.

Additional <u>floodplain management resources</u> are available to download or can be ordered from the FEMA Publication Distribution Center by calling 1-800-480-2520 and requesting the publication by its FEMA number.

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Community Assistance Program

The <u>Community Assistance Program</u> (CAP) is a product-oriented financial assistance program directly related to the flood loss reduction objectives of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). States that are participating in the NFIP are eligible for this Federally-funded

Use the Key
Word Index to
get FEMA's
definition of
important
floodplain
management
words

Floodplain Management Publications

- Above the Flood: Elevating Your Floodprone House
- Addressing Your Community's Flood Problems
- · After a Flood: The First Steps
- Alluvial Fans: Hazards and Management
- Answers to Questions About Substantially Damaged Buildings
- · Answers to Questions About the National Flood Insurance Program
- . A Report Mitigation of Flood and Erosion Damage to Residential Buildings in Coastal Areas
- . A Unified National Program for Floodplain Management
- · Below-Grade Parking Requirements
- Coastal Construction Manual: Principles and Practices of Planning, Siting, Designing, Constructing, and Maintaining Residential Buildings in Coastal Areas
- Corrosion Protection for Metal Connectors in Coastal Areas
- Crawlspace Construction for Buildings Located in Special Flood Hazard Areas
- Design and Construction Guidance for Breakaway Walls Below Elevated Coastal Buildings
- Design Guidelines for Flood Damage Reduction
- Elevation Certificate Cover and Bulletin FEMA 467-1
- Elevated Residential Structures
- Elevator Installation
- Engineering Principles and Practices of Retrofitting Floodprone Residential Structures
- Ensuring that Structures Built on Fill In or Near Special Flood Hazard Areas are Reasonably Safe From Flooding
- <u>Federal Programs Offering Non-structural Flood Recovery and Floodplain Management</u>
 Alternatives
- Flood Insurance Program Community Status Book
- Floodplain Management in the United States: An Assessment Report Summary and Volume
 Full Report
- Floodproofing Non-Residential Structures (Full Document)
- Floodproofing Non-Residential Structures (Techincal Bulletin)
- Flood-Resistant Materials Requirements
- Free-of-Obstruction Requirements
- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Desk Reference
- Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting: Six Ways to Protect Your House from Flooding
- Manufactured Home Installation in Flood Hazard Areas
- Non-Residential Floodproofing -- Requirements and Certification
- Openings in Foundation Walls
- · Protecting Building Utilities from Flood Damage
- Protecting Floodplain Resources A Guidebook for Communities
- Property Acquisition Handbook for Local Communities
- · Reducing Damage from Localized Flooding
- Repairing Your Flooded Home

Additional printed resources can be found at this FEMA website: www.fema.gov/pl an/prevent/flood plain/publication s.shtm

Available Technical Bulletins

As of March 1998, the following Technical Bulletins are available:

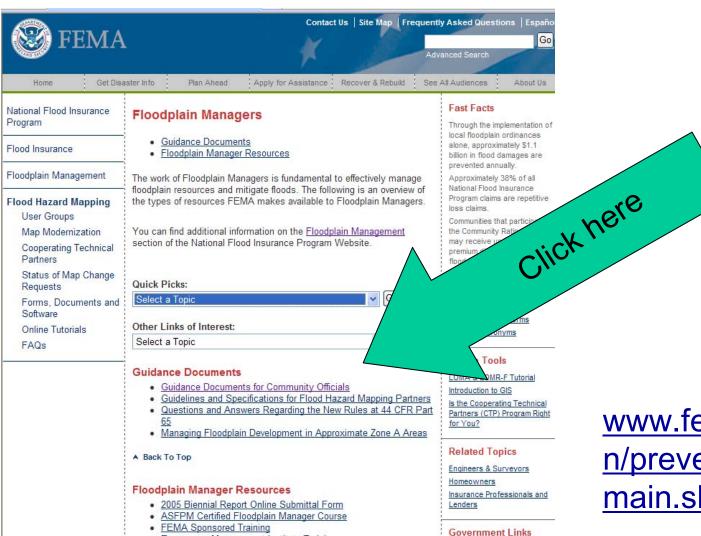
- Guide-01 User's Guide to Technical Bulletins -- (PDF 174 KB)
 Provides a list of available technical bulletins, a key word/subject reference index for all the bulletins, and information about how to obtain copies of the bulletins.
- 1-93 Openings in Foundation Walls -- (<u>PDF</u> 137 KB)
 Provides guidance on the NFIP regulations concerning the requirement for openings in below-Base Flood Elevation foundation walls for buildings located in Zones A, AE, A1-A30, AR,AO, and AH.
- 2-93 Flood-Resistant Materials Requirements -- (<u>PDF</u> 465 KB)
 Provides guidance on the NFIP regulations concerning the required use of flood-damage resistant construction materials for building components located below the Base Flood Elevation in Special Flood Hazard Areas (both A and V zones).
- 3-93 Non-Residential Floodproofing -- Requirements and Certification -- (PDF 150 KB)
 Provides guidance on the NFIP regulations concerning watertight construction and the required certification for floodproofed non-residential buildings in Zones A, AE, A1-A30, AR, AO, and AH whose lowest floors are below the Base Flood Elevation.
- 4-93 Elevator Installation -- (PDF 93 KB)
 Provides guidance on the NFIP regulations concerning the installation of elevators below the Base Flood Elevation in Special Flood Hazard Areas (both A and V zones).
- 5-93 Free-of-Obstruction Requirements -- (<u>PDF</u> 102 KB)
 Provides guidance on the NFIP regulations concerning obstructions to flood waters below elevated buildings and on building sites in Coastal High Hazard Areas (Zones V, VE, and V1-V30).
- 6-93 Below-Grade Parking Requirements -- (<u>PDF</u> 111 KB)
 Provides guidance on the NFIP regulations concerning the design of below-grade parking garages beneath buildings located in Zones A, AE, A1-A30, AR, AO, and AH.
- 7-93 Wet Floodproofing Requirements -- (PDF 158 KB)
 Provides guidance on the NFIP regulations concerning wet floodproofing of certain types of structures located in Zones A, AE, A1-A30, AR, AO, and AH.
- 8-96 Corrosion Protection for Metal Connectors in Coastal Areas -- (PDF 881 KB)

Technical
Bulletins can be
found at this
FEMA website:
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These are just an example of some of the ones available.

FEMA: Flood Hazard Mapping





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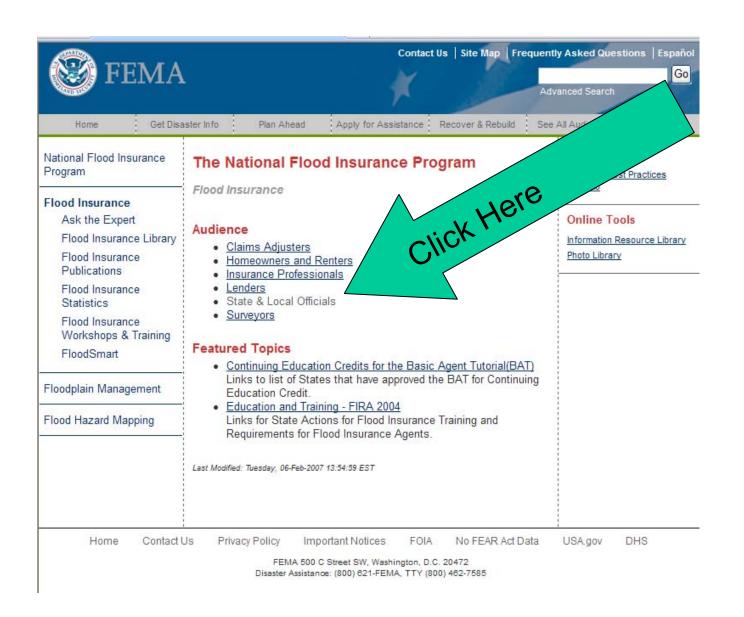
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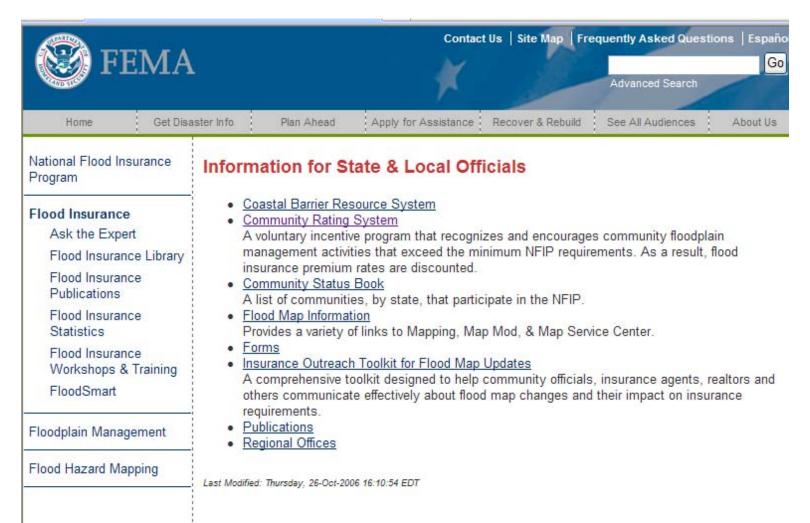
FEMA Floodplain Management Publications

Online Tutorials

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main.shtm



www.fema.gov/business/nfip/



Any of the links on this page might be helpful to you

www.fema.gov/business/nfip/infosl.shtm

Select FEMA Manuals

Answers to Questions About Substantially Damaged Buildings

www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/pubs/lib213.shtm

Protecting Building Utilities From Flood Damage http://www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/pubs/pbuffd.shtm

Reducing Damage from Localized Flooding http://www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/pubs/flood-damage.shtm

Increased Cost of Compliance Coverage http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/ICC.shtm

Repairing Your Flooded Home www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_570_,00.html

Community Rating System

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National Flood Insurance Program

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For CRS participating communities, flood insurance premium rates are discounted in increments of 5%; i.e., a Class 1 community would receive a 45% premium discount, while a Class 9 community would receive a 5% discount (a Class 10 is not participating in the CRS and receives no discount). The CRS classes for local communities are based on 18 creditable activities, organized under four categories: (i) Public Information, (ii) Mapping and Regulations, (iii) Flood Damage Reduction, and (iv) Flood Preparedness.

The CRS Resource Center is now available.

CREDIT POINTS EARNED, CLASSIFICATION AWARDED, AND PREMIUM REDUCTIONS GIVEN FOR COMMUNITIES IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM.

| | | PREMIUM REDUCTION | |
|---------------|-------|-------------------|------------|
| CREDIT POINTS | CLASS | SFHA* | NON-SFHA** |
| 4,500+ | 1 | 45% | 10% |
| 4,000 - 4,499 | 2 | 40% | 10% |
| 3,500 – 3,999 | 3 | 35% | 10% |
| 3,000 – 3,499 | 4 | 30% | 10% |
| 2,500 - 2,999 | 5 | 25% | 10% |
| 2,000 - 2,499 | 6 | 20% | 10% |
| 1,500 – 1,999 | 7 | 15% | 5% |
| 1,000 – 1,499 | 8 | 10% | 5% |
| 500 – 999 | 9 | 5% | 5% |

www.fema.gov/business/nfip/crs.shtm

CRS Resource Center



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The Cost of Flooding.

See how much damage a few inches of water can cause with our interactive demo. Also, view our Risk Scenarios to determine your risk.



Participate >

Get involved

Learn how <u>community participation</u> is the cornerstone of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Protect >

Get covered

To find out what kind of flood insurance coverage you may need, find an agent serving your area.



Weather Events

Protect yourself, your family and your property from seasonal flood risks in your area

West Coast Rainy Season



Press Room >

Visit the <u>FloodSmart Press Room</u>, for news and information about the NFIP, the FloodSmart program, flood insurance, and more!

FEMA News Flash

<u>Visit FEMA.qov</u> for the latest news on weather, disaster recovery and flood-related relief efforts.

Secure Site for Agents >

The FloodSmart <u>agent secure site</u> offers you better, more convenient agents-only resources, tools and services.

It's easy to register!

Simply complete the online registration form to create your user ID and password, then login to take advantage of agent tools and resources.

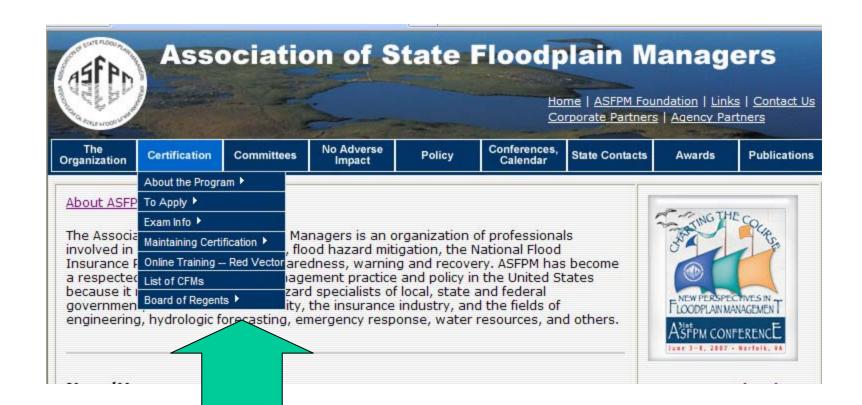
REGISTER TODAY!

This website has great information that you may wish to share with community members

www.floodsmart.gov



www.floods.org/home/



In this section you will learn all about the certification process and the steps to maintain your certification.



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- •Thank you for your participation!

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