

# FLOOD MAP INFORMATION



FOR QUESTIONS or ASSISTANCE

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## WHAT TO KNOW . . .

**The City of Fond du Lac participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and has adopted flood hazard area protection standards. As a public service the Community Development Department provides the following information on request:**

- ) Basic flood map information, including whether a property is in or out of the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), the flood zone, base flood elevation, panel reference information from the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and additional flood map information including floodways and regulatory requirements for development in a floodway.
- ) **FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps** are available for review in the Community Development Department. A digital version of the flood map may be viewed online in the Fond du Lac County GIS maps: [www.fdlco.wi.gov](http://www.fdlco.wi.gov)
- ) Information regarding the mandatory purchase of flood insurance. Floodplain management activities implemented by the City of Fond du Lac qualify policy holders for a 15% discount in the premium cost for NFIP policies issued or renewed in a SFHA.
- ) Finished construction elevation certificates submitted after 4/7/2012 for property in the 100-year floodplain are on file in the Community Development Department. A list of finished construction elevation certificates is provided on the **FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATION** page of the City's website: [www.fdl.wi.gov](http://www.fdl.wi.gov)
- ) FEMA-approved Letters of Map Amendment (LOMA) or Letters of Map Revision (LOMR) are on file in the Community Development Department. A list of approved letters is updated frequently on the **FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATION** page of the City's website: [www.fdl.wi.gov](http://www.fdl.wi.gov)
- ) Floodplain regulations and assistance for new construction and for alterations and additions to existing buildings in the Special Flood Hazard Area, and regulations for property affected by wetland areas and environmentally sensitive areas.
- ) The Flood Insurance Study (FIS) covers the geographic area of Fond du Lac County. The study provides information on flood hazard areas, flooding sources, historical flood occurrence, and principal flood problems and causes (rainfall, runoff, waterway obstructions, drainage, ice jams). The FIS is available on the **FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATION** page of the City's website.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **FEMA Flood Map Service Center**

The FEMA Flood Map Service Center (MSC) is the official public source for flood hazard information produced in support of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Map Service Center enables users to retrieve map information for a community. This information includes map status information for current maps including the community name and number, county name, panels printed for a community, effective date and suffix for each panel, initial Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM) date, and first and current FIRM date. Use the Map Service Center to take advantage of tools for better understanding of flood risk! <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/>

### **Are automatic updates to FEMA maps available?**

FEMA provides a free email service that sends out notifications when new information is available about a selected topic. This service allows users to select one or more topic-specific channels through which you will receive notices. To get started, visit the **FEMA Flood Map Service Center Email Subscriptions page**.

### **Have you received a letter stating that your property is in a flood zone?**

Community Development staff can assist in locating your property on the FEMA Federal Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and provide guidance in identifying the flood hazard status of the property. An elevation certificate prepared by a licensed land surveyor or engineer is the official documentation to identify the flood hazard status of the property.

### **What is an Elevation Certificate?**

An elevation certificate documents your building's elevation and identifies the flood risk of the property. An elevation certificate will help your insurance agent rate your policy properly and it will help you make decisions for remodeling or expanding your home.

### **How do I get an Elevation Certificate?**

An elevation certificate is prepared by a licensed land surveyor or engineer. Although the City of Fond du Lac retains elevation certificates prepared for some properties, it is likely you will have to hire a surveyor or engineer. To view the list of elevation certificates on file with the City, visit the FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATION page of the City's website: [www.fdl.wi.gov](http://www.fdl.wi.gov)

### **What is a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA)?**

The FEMA Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) states the property or building is outside the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and, therefore, the mandatory flood insurance requirement does not apply. A LOMA does not revise the boundaries of the 100-year floodplain, it affects only the building on the property. The process for a LOMA begins with a property survey conducted by a licensed surveyor or engineer.

### **Are you looking for a Letter of Map Change?**

The FEMA Map Service Center enables users to retrieve FEMA-approved Letters of Map Amendment; individual documents are available for download. In addition, Letters of Map Amendment (LOMA) and Letters of Map Revision (LOMR) are on file in the Community Development Department. A list of approved letters is updated frequently on the **FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATION** page of the City's website: [www.fdl.wi.gov](http://www.fdl.wi.gov)

### **Where can I find information for constructing a new building in the floodplain area or altering or expanding an existing building?**

Chapter 690 of the Municipal Code regulates property development in a Special Flood Hazard Area. Floodplain regulations apply to the construction of any new building and alterations and additions to existing buildings in the 100-year floodplain. Community Development Department staff can assist in locating a property on the FEMA Federal Insurance Rate Map, provide guidance in identifying the flood hazard status, and explain floodplain code requirements that will apply to your project.

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