

POLICY MANUAL

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Because of the relatively high velocities and volumes of flood flow associated with primary flood plains, and because the primary flood plain is responsible for passing the greatest percentage of the flood event, development located in such flood plains is subject to substantial risk, both to itself and to others as a result of the potential for blockage and diversion of flood waters. In view of these factors:

Policy:

- (1) All proposed development activity shall reference the Flood Insurance Rate Map to determine if it is located in a 100-year flood plain (special flood hazard areas inundated by a 100-year flood) "Primary Flood Plain". Any project not located within a FIRM or located in any area where the FIRM is determined to be inaccurate shall be the subject of a detailed hydrological flood hazard investigation to determine the relationship of the proposed development to the primary flood plain; and, further, to identify the calculated water surface elevation of the 100-year flood event.
- (2) The development must be properly flood proofed below the calculated water surface elevation of the 100-year flood event.
- (3) All development and/or permanent improvement activity which, if located within the primary floodway, may unduly impede, retard or change the direction of flow of water either, by itself, or by the catching or collecting of other debris or is placed where the flow of water would carry such obstruction downstream to the damage or detriment of either life or property, should not be permitted.
- (4) The development shall not cause displacement of any and all floodwaters from that portion of the flood plain to be developed.