



Coastal Floodplain Mapping

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FEMA Floodplain Mapping

- National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was created in 1968 to provide flood insurance and reduce flood damages by restricting floodplain development
- Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) shows mapping of flood zones for flood insurance rating purposes.
- Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) delineated; mandatory insurance purchase requirement
- Maps are updated periodically but not on a regular schedule
- Maps are typically used by communities in the regulation of land use

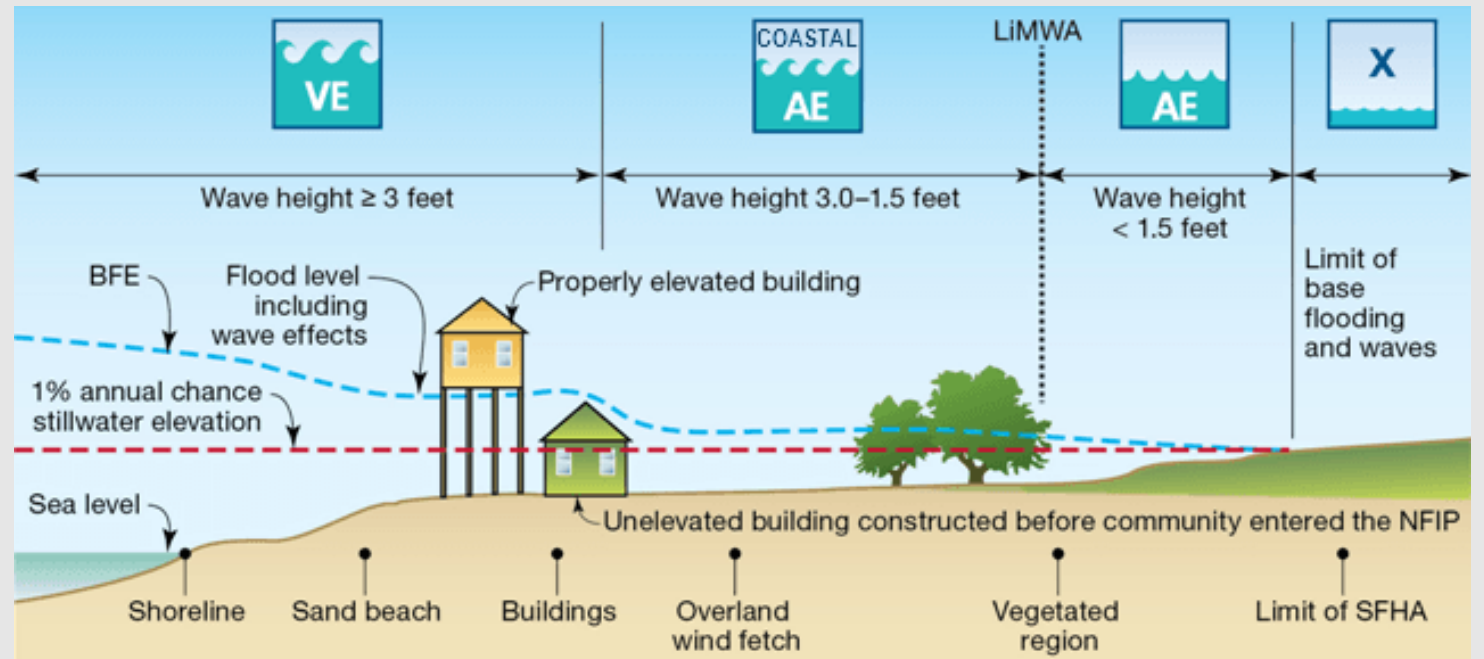


Flood Zones

		Flood Zone	Description
SFHA	}	A	1% annual chance floodplain mapped using approximate methods no elevations provided
		AE	1% annual chance floodplain elevations provided
		VE	Coastal area subject to wave action (velocity hazard) elevations provided
Outside of SFHA	}	X (shaded)	Area of moderate hazard 0.2% annual chance floodplain
		X (unshaded)	Area of low hazard outside of 0.2% annual chance floodplain

Coastal Floodplain Modeling and Mapping

- Storm surge analysis
 - Set of storms modeled
 - Stillwater elevations
 - Regional scale
- Overland wave modeling
 - Predicts height of waves
 - 1% storm only



Floodplain mapping limitations

- Based on conditions (topography, hydrology, etc.) at the time of the study
- Future conditions not considered - sea level rise, changes in storm climatology, wetland loss, shoreline erosion
- No consideration of back-to-back storms
- 500-year coastal floodplain is based on stillwater elevation only (no 500-year wave analysis for FIRM)






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Results

 Location is **Within** the the FEMA 100-year floodplain in the Effective Map. Preliminary data does not exist.

Effective Flood Zone:
AE

Preliminary Flood Zone:
n/a

FEMA Issued Flood Map:
10005C0191K

Effective Map Date:
3/15/2015

Watershed (HUC12):
Canary Creek-Broadkill River

Within Effective Floodway:
No

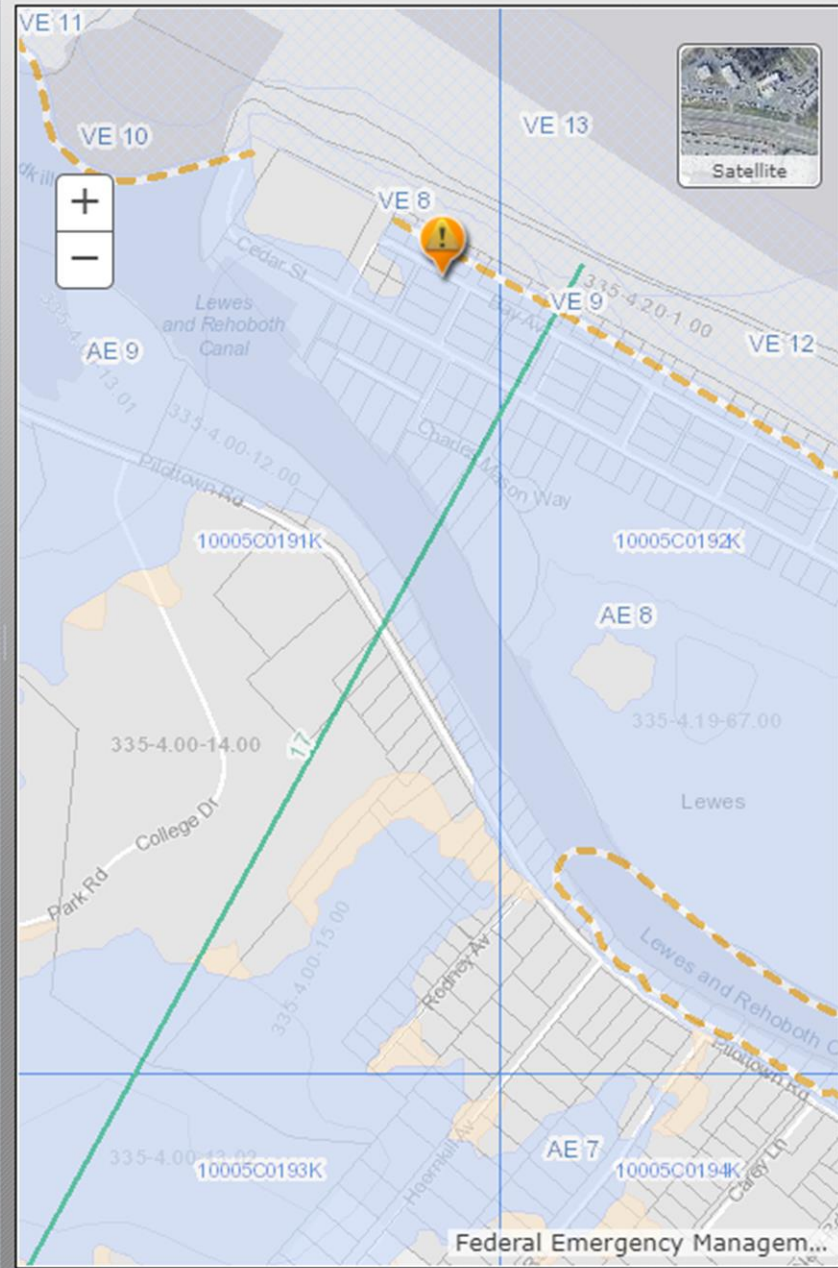
Effective Base Flood Elevation:
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Attachments:

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Getting Started/Help



Delaware Flood Planning Tool

- Interactive web map application
 - <http://De.gov/floodplanning>
- Displays effective FEMA mapping, plus other map features: elevation contours, clickable results, printable pdf map
- Upcoming updates: enhanced user interface, sea level rise mapping, users guide



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