

HELP PROTECT OUR DRAINAGE SYSTEM

You can help reduce drainage problems by keeping streams, ditches and gutters free from debris, including trash, leaves and yard clippings that can clog drainage and cause water to back-up.

Dumping in drains is a violation of state law.

Report violations to:
Rocky Mount Public Works
[972-1296]

FLOOD SAFETY

Flood waters can be dangerous. They can flow very fast and can carry floating trees and debris. Water doesn't have to be fast or deep to be dangerous. Just 24" of water can float a car, and most people who die in floods are trapped in flooded cars. Be safe—don't drive through flooded roads!

Keep children out of floodwater. Moving water that is only 2-3 feet deep is a threat to adults and a serious risk for children. For safety's sake, when flooding is predicted you may be asked to evacuate. Please act quickly to protect your family.

History – Hurricane Floyd was a major flood event, but smaller floods have also damaged homes and businesses. Not all floods are caused by hurricanes. Even if our area doesn't get much rain, intense storms over areas of the Tar River Watershed upstream of Rocky Mount may cause flooding. Upstream areas include Oxford, Louisburg, and Spring Hope.

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

The City of Rocky Mount has established an Emergency Area Radio Network with local stations. The stations are able to produce a signal in the event of an electrical power failure. Tune your battery-operated radio to one of these stations for emergency announcements:

WRSV 92.1 FM	WZAX 99.3 FM
WPWZ 95.5 FM	WRMT 1490 A
WDWG 98.5 FM	WEED 1390 AM

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SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA INFORMATION GUIDE



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The City of Rocky Mount utilizes a combination of strategic methods to prepare for disasters. One of those methods is public education. Please review this flyer for important information about your property. Using flood maps and property maps, our city staff have determined that at least a portion of your property is in the floodplain of one of our waterways. The flood maps were prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management.

Mayor C. Saunders Roberson

FIRM MAPS

FIRM maps are detailed maps that designate the boundary's of special flood hazard areas throughout the City of Rocky Mount. You may view a map at City Hall in the Department of Development Services, or at Braswell Library to check the location of your property. Alternatively, the maps are accessible online via FRIS.NC.gov

ACT NOW TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

It's always a good idea to protect your property before the next flood. Please review this guide to learn how to protect your property or contact the Department of Development Services for assistance at (252) 972-1172.

FLOOD INSURANCE

If your home or business is in the floodplain, or in an area where stormwater collects, we urge you to buy flood insurance. Flood damage is not covered by your standard property insurance policy or your renter's policy. Some mortgages require you to buy flood insurance, but you can buy a policy even if your lender doesn't require it. Contact your insurance agent to discuss your options. This important financial protection can pay for cleanup costs and to repair damage to your building. Be sure to ask for coverage to help replace personal belongings or building contents.

The City of Rocky Mount participates in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System to ensure our residents pay less for flood insurance. The City of Rocky Mount is a Class 6 CRS Community.

For more information visit: www.FloodSmart.gov

RETROFITTING: PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY

WHAT IS "RETROFITTING"?

"making changes to an existing building to protect it from flooding or other hazards such as high winds & earthquakes"

SIX METHODS TO RETROFITTING

1) Elevation

-raising your house so that the lowest floor is above the flood level

2) Wet Floodproofing

-making uninhabited portions of your house resistant to flood damage and allowing water to enter during flooding

3) Relocation

-moving a house out of the floodplain to higher ground where it will not be exposed to flooding

4) Dry Floodproofing

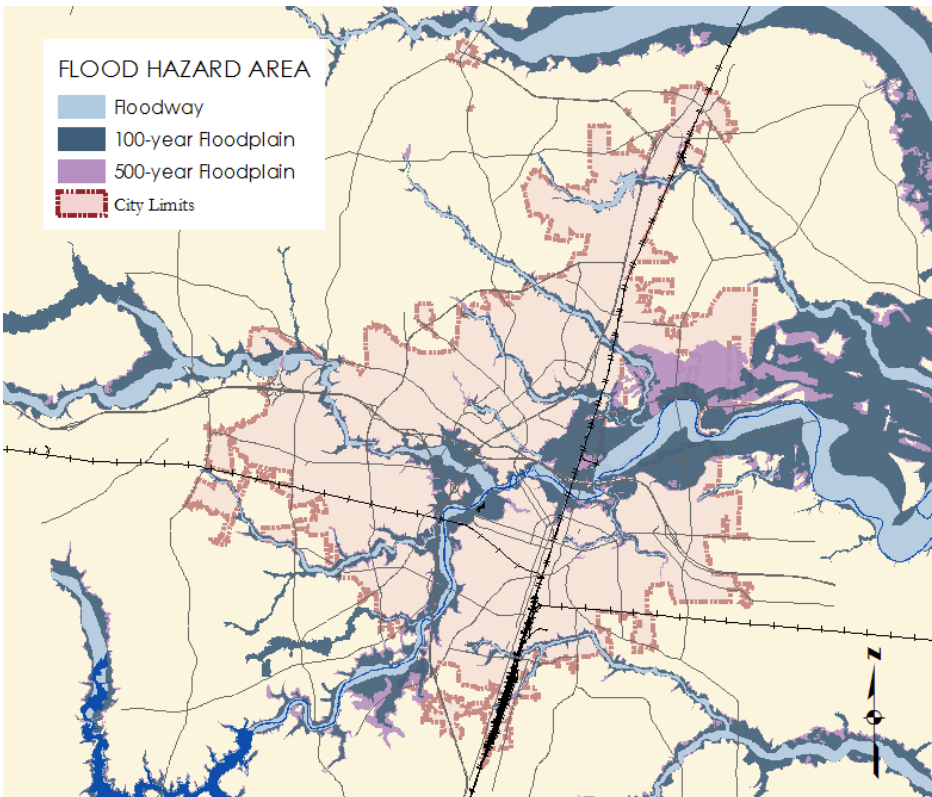
-sealing a house to prevent flood waters from entering

5) Levees and Floodwalls

-building a floodwall or levee around your house to hold back flood water

6) Demolition

-tearing down a damaged house



BUILDING IN SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

PERMITS

A permit is required to do any of the following in a AE flood area: build, rebuild, grade or move dirt, bring in fill dirt, excavate or remove dirt, add onto your home or business, install an underground or above ground tank, subdivide land, or place accessory buildings and temporary structures. Development is very limited restrictive in the AEFW flood area.

New buildings, including manufactured homes, must be elevated above the predicted flood level. Substantial improvements or repairs [including new additions] must be elevated.

Contact Inspections Division to find out if you need a building permit and a floodplain development permit. Application materials are available on the City's website at www.RockyMountNC.gov

Legal action may be taken against those who do not get a permit before building or disturbing land in a flood-prone area.

OPEN SPACE

In Rocky Mount, parts of Battle Park, Tom Stith Park, and Sunset Park are in the floodplain. These areas are preserved as open space.

If you plan to build in a floodplain, you should consider locating back from the river or stream to leave the floodplain open. Most wetlands are found in floodplains. Wetlands have many types of plants and wildlife and are valuable for water quality and habitat protection. A permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is required to alter a wetland.