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## AVAILABLE FLOODPLAIN MAP INFORMATION SERVICES

**Do you own property that is subject to flooding?**

**Are you aware of the City's Floodplain Code requirements?**

**Do you know the real hazards of flooding and floodplain areas?**

**Is your property insured for a flood and sewer backup?**

**Does your property have a history of flooding/Is there cumulative damage from past floods?**

As a public service, the City of Ottawa Community Development Department will help and provide you with the following information upon request:

1. Whether a property is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) as shown on the current Digital Flood Insurance Rate map (DFIRM) of LaSalle County.
2. Additional flood insurance data for a site, such as the FIRM Zone and the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) and depth of water, if shown on the FIRM or any other available engineered study.
3. Literature and information on the mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements that can help people who are seeking a mortgage or loan for property located in the SFHA. Also visit <https://www.floodsmart.gov/>
4. Access to Elevation Certificates that have been processed in the City.
5. The City has two Certified Floodplain Manager's on staff that can assist with questions on stormwater management, floodway and floodplain issues/permitting.
6. Copies of Map Amendments (LOMA) and Letters of Map Revisions (LOMR) that have occurred within the City.
7. A Flood Hazard Map and many other flood related resources can be found online at [www.cityofottawa.org](http://www.cityofottawa.org) (go to "Government" on opening page and seek "Flood Resources") or the City's webpage dedicated exclusively to floodplain management at [www.ottawafloods.org](http://www.ottawafloods.org).
8. Aerial images and photos of recent flooding can be viewed at City Hall, upon request. Information about historical flooding and your property may be available at the City Community Development Department.
9. New Flood Inundation Mapping Tool [https://www.weather.gov/lot/ottawa\\_inundation\\_maps2016](https://www.weather.gov/lot/ottawa_inundation_maps2016).
10. Professional engineers are available for drainage and storm water problems and potential solutions. They are available to visit a site upon request. Check with the City engineer for other areas of known flooding outside of the floodplain.
11. Aerial imagery with one-foot contour topography is also available at City Hall.
12. Flood depth information can be viewed on our inundation maps. You may request this information over the phone, via email or by stopping in at City hall.
13. All work/development in the Special Flood Hazard Area requires permits. Ottawa also has compensatory storage requirements for development in flood areas. Any work done inside a floodway also requires permits from the State, Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corps of Engineers. Please check with the Community Development Department before doing any work in the flood hazard area.

If you have questions relating to any floodplain, stormwater, or flooding related issue, please provide us the address/or other site specific location information. Our office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. We can be reached by telephone at 815-433-0161 (ext. 230), by email at [mstafford@cityofottawa.org](mailto:mstafford@cityofottawa.org), or feel free to visit City Hall. The Community Development Department is located on the second floor of City Hall located at 301 West Madison Street. There is no charge for these services.

**Please share with others who may have interest... Thank you!**