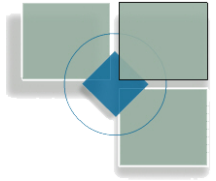


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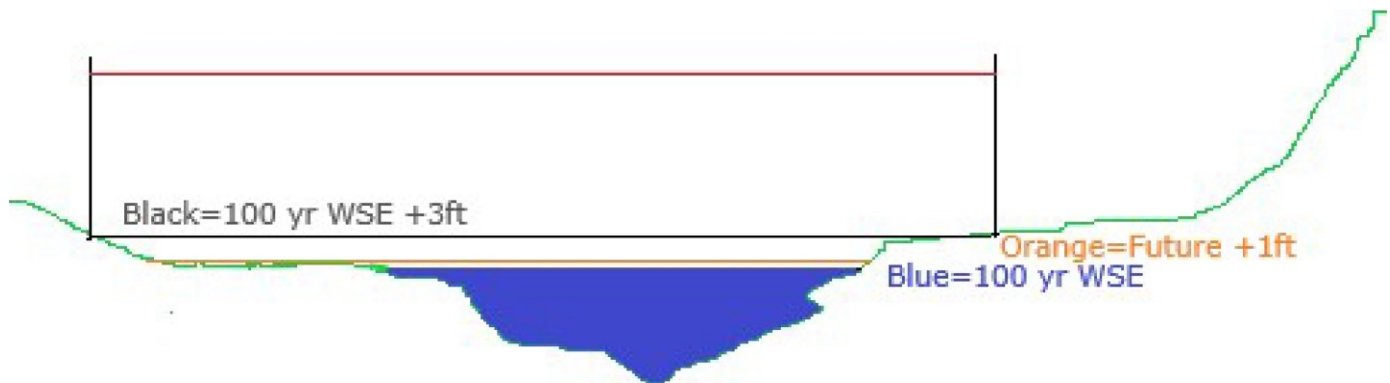
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# Flood Hazard Mitigation: Adjacent to Future-conditions Floodplain and Flood Insurance

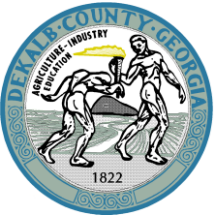
DeKalb County, as a member of the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD), adopted new regulatory floodplain bounds called "Adjacent to the future-conditions floodplain" as required by the Georgia DNR, Environmental Protection Division. Adjacent to the future-conditions floodplain means "those areas that are at or lower in elevation than either three (3) feet above the base flood elevation or one (1) foot above the future-conditions flood elevation, whichever is higher, unless the area is hydraulically independent (meaning absolutely no connection to the flooding source such as through pipes, sewer laterals, down drains, foundation drains, ground seepage, overland flow, gated or valved pipes, excavated and backfilled trenches, etc. with no fill or other manmade barriers creating the separation)."



Buildings or portions of any that exist or are proposed in this area must meet the standard for flood hazard mitigation for that type of use: residential or non-residential. Therefore elevation of, or flood protection of utility components, the elevation of additions, existing building subject to substantial improvement or substantial damage, and new construction must comply with DeKalb County Floodplain Management standards for those structures.

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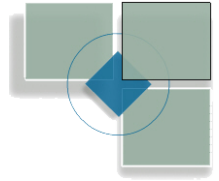
Owners of structures and properties within this area of higher regulatory standard than the base NFIP as well as those in other flood prone areas, that are outside the special flood hazard area, are strongly encouraged to get flood insurance even if you are not required to have it. Ask an insurance agent about a preferred risk policy before you need it. Flood insurance goes into effect 30 days after purchase. Disaster assistance is often available as loans to be repaid and/or grants of limited amounts, typically \$5,000. Will that be enough to cover your valuables?



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For homeowners and renters the NFIP basic insurance information link is:  
<https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/17576>

For owners of business and commercial properties the NFIP basic information link is: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/303>.

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