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RE Flood Information for Unincorporated Hillsborough County

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Flooding is Hillsborough County's most repetitive disaster and Hillsborough County Public Works and Development Services Departments are available to provide information on activities that can be taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risks to residents and their property from natural and manmade hazards, including flooding. Flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is available for most properties within Hillsborough County, and elevation certificates received for structures built within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) after October 1, 1992 (and some before this date) are available from this office. Through this program, flood hazard information is offered to all citizens and businesses located within the unincorporated areas of Hillsborough County. The County maintains the most current Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and maintains updates that regularly occur because of map amendments and revisions that have been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This and additional information including FEMA Letters of Map Amendments and rules regarding construction within the high-risk flood zone is available through the Building Services and Hazard Mitigation programs. Information also can be found on the Hillsborough County web site at <a href="https://www.hillsboroughcounty.org">www.hillsboroughcounty.org</a>, search "Flood Maps."

Hillsborough County is also a qualifying community under the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System (CRS), which is sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The County's participation in this program gives residents the ability to obtain Federal flood insurance at a discount of up to 25 percent. The County's high level of participation and many hazard mitigation efforts has placed it within the top 10 percent of participating communities within the nation. This provides approximately \$5.9 million in savings off Federal flood-insurance premiums paid by residents annually. This program is monitored by both the State and Federal governments, which requires strict adherence.