

## Floodplain Management

Henrico County is a participating member of the National Flood Insurance Program administered by FEMA. This program makes low cost flood insurance available to resident of communities that practice sound floodplain management practices.

100-year floodplains in Henrico County are referred to as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) in the County code. County has identified 100-year FP down to 100 acres of drainage. FEMA's floodplain typically go down to 640 acres (1 sq mi). The SFHA consists of FEMA regulated floodplain as well as County only regulated floodplain. All development in SFHAs must meet the requirements of the County code and any applicable FEMA requirements.

The FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Henrico County became effective on December 18, 2007. This is the map used by lenders to determine flood insurance requirements on properties. County only floodplains, which are depicted on the County GIS database, do not mandate a flood insurance requirement however development within this area is regulated by the County code. The Design Division of Henrico County Department of Public Works maintains copies of the current and older flood maps for reference or flood insurance purposes and can provide copies upon request.

Citizens with questions are encouraged to visit the FEMA web site at ([FEMA.gov](http://FEMA.gov)) for general information, the FEMA map service center @ [MSC.FEMA.Gov](http://MSC.FEMA.Gov) or contact the Henrico County Department of Public Works, Design Division (804/501-7460) for assistance.