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[www.progressinlouisiana.org](http://www.progressinlouisiana.org)

## National Flood Programs and Policies in Review

[www.floods.org/PDF/ASFPM\\_NFPPR\\_2007.pdf](http://www.floods.org/PDF/ASFPM_NFPPR_2007.pdf)



## Gulf Coast Recovery Office

FEMA: Families Recovering...Communities Rebuilding



[www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/2005katrina/index.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/2005katrina/index.shtm)

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[www.training.fema.gov/](http://www.training.fema.gov/)



We are pleased to *welcome*  
four new communities into  
the National Flood Insurance Program ...

City of **CENTRAL**

Village of **SLAUGHTER**

Village of **SIMSBORO**

Village of **FENTON**

Floodplain Management Publications  
[www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/publications.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/publications.shtm)

**When was the last update to the Flood Insurance Rate Map for my community?**

The National Flood Insurance Program's [Community Status Book](#) provides a quick and easy way to see the last effective date for your community's map.

[www.fema.gov/fema/csb.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/fema/csb.shtm)

Floods and  
flash floods  
happen in all 50 states.

A car can easily  
be carried away by  
just two feet of floodwater.

Just an inch of water  
can cause costly damage to  
your property.

**GRANT PROGRAMS *COMPARISON* - Mitigation Division Grant Programs**

There is a chart available to help illustrate the similarities and differences among the following grant programs: the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, the Pre-Disaster Mitigation program, the Flood Mitigation Assistance program, the Severe Repetitive Loss pilot program and the Repetitive Flood Claims program.

Access chart @ [www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=2128](http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=2128)

**Most Expensive Presidentially-Declared *Louisiana* Disasters\***

EVENT	Year	FEMA Funding
Hurricane <i>Katrina</i> (FL,LA,MS,AL)	2005	\$29,318,576,948**
Hurricane <i>Rita</i> (TX,LA)	2005	\$3,749,698,351
Hurricane <i>Ivan</i> (LA,AL,MS,FL,NC,GA,NJ,PA,WV,NY,TN)	2004	\$2,431,034,355
Hurricane <i>Andrew</i> (FL,LA)	1992	\$1,813,594,813

\* Numbers are in actual dollars, not adjusted for inflation.

\*\* Approximately 68 percent funded.

Modified to show disaster events in Louisiana - [www.fema.gov/media/top\\_disasters.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/media/top_disasters.shtm)



# MAP SERVICE



Product Search by...

**Address** **Map Panel ID**

1) Select a Product:  
Public Flood Map

2) Enter an Address:  
Street:   
City:   
State:  Zip:

TO EASILY FIND OUT WHAT FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP **[FIRM] PANEL** AN ADDRESS IS LOCATED ON:

CLICK ON (or Copy & Paste into your URL address slot) this address:

[www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov)

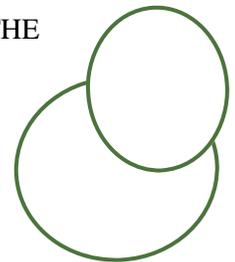
← THE SCREEN THAT APPEARS WILL SHOW THIS BOX

TYPE IN THE ADDRESS INFORMATION & HIT ENTER

WHEN THE NEXT SCREEN APPEARS IT WILL HAVE THE "Map Search Results" [with the community & panel number]

CLICK ON THE BUTTON UNDER "View"

NAVIGATE THE PANEL TO LOCATE THE ADDRESS



### **E-MAIL UPDATES** for FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS

You are now able to take advantage of convenient e-mail updates offered by FEMA !

Create a subscriber profile for FEMA at the website:

[www.fema.gov/help/getemail.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/help/getemail.shtm)

Choose to receive an e-mail update when new information becomes available regarding:

- \* National Flood Insurance Program
- \* Region 6 News
- \* Mitigation Planning
- \* Major Disaster Declarations
- \* Map Modernization
- \* Region 6 Mitigation Plans
- \* National Hurricane Program
- \* Positions Available at FEMA

## **SLIDELL**



is known as the  
**CAMELLIA CITY**

Definition:

### **PRE-FIRM**

Construction or substantial improvement which:

started on or before December 31, 1974

**OR**

before the effective date of a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map

whichever is later

## DEFINITIONS of FEMA FLOOD ZONE DESIGNATIONS

### MODERATE to LOW RISK AREAS

**Communities that participate in the NFIP, flood insurance is available to all property owners & renters in these zones:**

<i>ZONE</i>	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>
<b>B, C, X</b>	Areas <u>outside</u> the 1-percent annual chance floodplain, areas of 1% annual chance sheet flow flooding where average depths are less than 1 foot, areas of 1% annual chance stream flooding where the contributing drainage area is less than 1 square mile, or areas protected from the 1% annual chance flood by levees. No Base Flood Elevations or depths are shown within this zone. Insurance purchase is not required, but recommended in these zones.

### HIGH RISK AREAS

**Communities that participate in the NFIP, mandatory flood insurance requirements apply to all of these zones:**

<i>ZONE</i>	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>
<b>A</b>	Areas with a 1% annual chance of flooding and a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage. Because detailed analyses are not performed for such areas; no depths or base flood elevations are shown within these zones.
<b>AE, A1 – A30</b>	Areas with a 1% annual chance of flooding and a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage. In most instances, base flood elevations derived from detailed analyses are shown at selected intervals within these zones.
<b>AH</b>	Areas with a 1% annual chance of shallow flooding, usually in the form of a pond, with an average depth ranging from 1 to 3 feet. These areas have a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage. Base flood elevations derived from detailed analyses are shown at selected intervals within these zones.
<b>AO</b>	Areas with a 1% annual chance of shallow flooding, usually sheet flow on sloping terrain, with an average depth ranging from 1 to 3 feet. These areas have a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage. Base flood elevations derived from detailed analyses are shown at selected intervals within these zones.
<b>AR</b>	Areas with a temporarily increased flood risk due to the building or restoration of a flood control system (such as a levee or a dam). Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements will apply but rates will not exceed the rates for unnumbered A zones if the structure is built or restored in compliance with Zone AR floodplain management regulations.
<b>A99</b>	Areas with a 1% annual chance of flooding that will be protected by a Federal flood control system where construction has reached specified legal requirements. No depths or base flood elevations are shown within these zones.

### HIGH RISK - COASTAL AREAS

**Communities that participate in the NFIP, mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply to all these zones:**

<i>ZONE</i>	<i>DESCRIPTION</i>
<b>V</b>	Coastal areas with a 1% or greater chance of flooding and an additional hazard associated with storm waves. These areas have a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage. No base flood elevations are shown within these zones.
<b>VE, V1 – V30</b>	Coastal areas with a 1% or greater chance of flooding and an additional hazard associated with storm waves. These areas have a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage. Base flood elevations derived from detailed analyses are shown at selected intervals within these zones.

### UNDETERMINED RISK AREAS

<b>D</b>	Areas with possible but undetermined flood hazards. No flood hazard analysis has been conducted. Flood insurance rates are commensurate with the uncertainty of the flood risk.
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Buras, LA, 4-14-06 -- A mitigated and non-mitigated home side by side and the resulting effects of the damage created when a tidal surge struck from Hurricane Katrina. The FEMA Mitigation Program is designed to minimize loss through making a better building that will resist damage better. Marvin Nauman/FEMA photo [TO VIEW OTHER FEMA PHOTOS, go to: [www.photolibrary.fema.gov/photolibrary/index.jsp](http://www.photolibrary.fema.gov/photolibrary/index.jsp)]

## SEVERE REPETITIVE LOSS [SRL] REGULATION

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, the interim final rule implementing the Severe Repetitive Loss [SRL] Program was published in the Federal Register at new §79 in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). In addition to the SRL Program, this rule will also systematize the following:

- Changes to the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program as a result of the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2004, to be also housed at new §79;
- Clarification to the mitigation planning requirements at §201 of the CFR that coordinate the planning requirements for FMA and all-hazards planning, and changes that address the unique requirements for Tribal mitigation plans;
- Requirements for implementing property acquisitions for the purpose of open space for all mitigation grant programs at new §80; and
- Changes in the amounts authorized for HMGP at §206, to reflect the Stafford Act changes made in Section 684 of the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006.

The rule will become effective on December 1, 2007. The comment period extends for 60 days from date of publication, until December 30, 2007.

You can click on this link: [www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fedreg/frcont07.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont07.html) and pull up that day's Federal Register to get a copy of the published rules.

If you have any questions, you may contact Cece Rosenberg at (202) 646-3321 for questions about SRL or the Property Acquisition rule, and Karen Helbrecht at (202) 646-3358 with questions about the changes to the mitigation planning requirements.

Source: The Insider, an ASFPM publication, November 2007



**Louisiana Mapping Project**  
*Charting Our Coastal Future*

<http://www.lamappingproject.com>



## AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION [APA]

### Hazard Mitigation Best Practices

The major question haunting hazard mitigation planning in recent years has been how best to move beyond the serious disconnect that often exists between such planning and other local planning activities. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, which conditions eligibility for hazard mitigation grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) upon a state's or local jurisdiction's official participation in an approved local hazard mitigation plan under the act, has moved many communities forward in thinking about such plans. But there remains considerable room for improvement in tying those plans effectively to daily planning activities in those communities.

The APA Hazards Planning Research Center is currently looking for planning documents and related publications that address hazard mitigation, to create a collection of best practices that make the connection between hazard mitigation planning and other local planning activities. Planners have a real opportunity to affect change on a wide variety of subjects through their strategic position as advisors to policy makers in town, city, county, and regional governments.

Specifically we are seeking the following types of documents and published materials (examples in parentheses):

- long-range visioning documents/blueprints/goals and objectives
- local plans (comprehensive, neighborhood, regional; housing, transportation, economic development; energy, climate change; water supply management)
- development management tools (zoning regulations, subdivision regulations, design guidelines)
- public investment tools (capital improvements program, general fund, financial revitalization tools)
- local policies
- built development projects

Help us learn what communities have already accomplished in integrating hazard mitigation into planning. Please send information (documents or links to web-based materials) to [jschwab@planning.org](mailto:jschwab@planning.org)

[www.planning.org/hazardmitigation/index.htm](http://www.planning.org/hazardmitigation/index.htm)

article from The Insider, an ASFPM publication

We wish y'all

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
&  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



*Cindy, Sandra, Pam, Susan*



### **ADDITIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE ASSISTANCE**

Besides paying for flood damage, insurance payments can be used to cover part of the cost of mitigation measures required by the community's regulations (such as elevating the building above the base flood elevation). Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC) coverage of up to \$30,000 may be provided (in addition to the claim payment for flood damage up to the limits of the policy) to elevate, floodproof, demolish, or relocate the property.  
[www.fema.gov/business/nfip/icc.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/business/nfip/icc.shtm)

### **FEMA PUBLICATIONS "FREE" to NFIP Communities**

There are many useful brochures, booklets & information sheets available for communities to use as tools to educate their citizens.

Identify yourself as a Louisiana NFIP community & provide your Community Identification Number [6 digits that begins with 22....] and order as many copies as you desire.

**Call 1-800-480-2520**



**Our goal is flood loss reduction . . .**

We are here to provide any guidance needed to assure that NFIP regulations are carried out and violations prevented.

If you or someone you know would like to receive future copies of this newsletter please contact our office:

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