

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Federal Emergency Management Agency

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations for DeKalb County, Indiana and Incorporated Areas

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Proposed Rule

SUMMARY: Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed modified Base (1% annual chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown in the preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the communities listed in the table below. The BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that each community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

DATES: The period for comment will be ninety (90) days following the second publication of these proposed rules in a newspaper of local circulation.

ADDRESSES: (See table below)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jo Mullen, PE, Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Branch, Mitigation Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V, 536 S. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60605, (312) 408-5541.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) gives notice of the proposed determinations of BFEs, in accordance with Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-234), 87 Stat. 980, which added Section 1363 to the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (Pub. L. 90-448)), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These elevations, together with the floodplain management measures required by Section 60.3 of the program regulations, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements on its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed modified elevations will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for the new buildings and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and their contents.

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 USC 605(b), the Administrator, to whom authority has been delegated by the Director, FEMA, hereby certifies that the proposed modified flood elevation determinations, if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A flood elevation determination under Section 1363 forms the basis for

new local ordinances, which, if adopted by a local community, will govern future construction within the floodplain area. The elevation determinations, however, impose no restriction unless and until the local community voluntarily adopts floodplain ordinances in accord with these elevations. Even if ordinances are adopted in compliance with Federal standards, the elevations prescribe how high to build in the floodplain and do not prohibit development. Thus, this action only forms the basis for future local actions. It imposes no new requirement; of itself, it has no economic impact.

Lessees and owners of real property in the following communities are encouraged to review the preliminary FIS and FIRM and to submit comments to the appropriate community representatives as listed below. Proposed BFEs along flood sources studied in detail are shown on the flood profiles in the study. The proposed modified BFEs are as follows:

Source of Flooding and Location of Referenced Elevation	Elevation in feet (NAVD) Existing/Modified		Communities Affected
Cedar Creek:			
County Road 72	N/A	816	DeKalb County Unincorporated Areas, City of Auburn, Town of Waterloo
Approximately 1,700 feet upstream of County Road 20	N/A	905	
St. Joe River:			
Approximately 10,400 feet downstream of County Road 68	N/A	791	DeKalb County Unincorporated Areas, Town of St. Joe
Approximately 7,600 feet upstream of County Road 79	N/A	813	
Little Cedar Creek:			
Approximately 1,800 feet downstream of County Road 327	N/A	818	DeKalb County Unincorporated Areas
Approximately 2,000 feet upstream of confluence with Harvey Guthrie Ditch	N/A	857	
Black Creek:			
Approximately 800 feet upstream of confluence with Little Cedar Creek	N/A	830	DeKalb County Unincorporated Areas
Approximately 3,600 feet upstream of State Road 3	N/A	853	

Source of Flooding and Location of Referenced Elevation	Elevation in feet (NAVD) Existing/Modified		Communities Affected
Fish Creek:			
Approximately 5,000 feet downstream of County Road 79	N/A	840	DeKalb County Unincorporated Areas
Approximately 4,000 feet upstream of County Road 65A	N/A	884	
Peckhart Drain:			
Approximately at confluence with Diehl Drain	N/A	861	DeKalb County Unincorporated Areas, City of Auburn
Approximately at County Road 40	N/A	877	
Diehl Drain:			
Approximately at confluence with Cedar Creek	N/A	847	DeKalb County Unincorporated Areas, City of Auburn, City of Garrett
Approximately 100 feet upstream of County Road 15	N/A	878	
#Depth in feet above ground +North American Vertical Datum			

ADDRESSES:

DeKalb County

Maps available for inspection at DeKalb County Planning Commission, 301 S. Union Street, Auburn, Indiana.

Send comments to Sally Rowe, Zoning Administrator, 301 S. Union Street, Auburn, Indiana, 46706

Town of Hamilton

Maps are available for inspection at the Zoning Administrator's Office, 7750 South Wayne Street, Hamilton, Indiana.

Send comments to Keith Smith, Zoning Administrator, 7750 South Wayne Street, Hamilton, Indiana, 46742.

City of Auburn

Maps available for inspection at the Building, Planning and Development Department 210 Cedar Street, Auburn, Indiana.

Send comments to Bill Spohn, Administrator, Building, Planning and Development, 210 Cedar Street, Auburn, Indiana 46706.

City of Butler

Maps available for inspection at Butler City Utility Office, 201 South Broadway, Butler, Indiana.

Send comments to Amy Schweitzer, City Planner, 201 South Broadway, Butler, Indiana 46721.

City of Garrett

Maps available for inspection at Garrett Planning Department, 130 South Randolph Street, Garrett, Indiana.

Send comments to Steve Bingham, Planning Director, City of Garrett, 130 South Randolph Street, Garrett, Indiana 46738.

Town of Corunna

Maps available for inspection at Corunna Town Hall, 102 N. Bridge Street, Corunna, Indiana.

Send comments to Cassandra Lynch, Clerk Treasurer, 102 N. Bridge Street, Corunna, Indiana 40730.

Town of Waterloo

Maps available for inspection at Town Hall, 280 N. Wayne Street, Waterloo, Indiana.

Send comments to DeWayne Nodine, 280 N. Wayne Street, Waterloo, Indiana 46793.

Town of St. Joe

Maps available for inspection at St. Joe Town Hall, 102 Third Street, St. Joe, Indiana.

Send comments to Laura Spuller, Clerk Treasurer, 102 Third Street, St. Joe, Indiana 46785.

Town of Ashley

Maps available for inspection at Clerk-Treasurer's Office, 500 S. Gonser Avenue, Ashley, Indiana.

Send comments to Don Farrington, Superintendent, 500 S. Gonser Avenue, Ashley, Indiana, 46705.

Town of Altona

Maps available for inspection at Town Clerk-Treasurer's Office, 1202 W. Quincy Street, Garrett, Indiana.

Send comments to Max Milks, Clerk-Treasurer, 1202 W. Quincy Street, Garrett, Indiana 46738.

For further information please contact the Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627).