In green-shaded areas, FEMA recommends that the first floor of the building (excluding basement) be elevated at least 3 feet above HEAG at the building site.

Keynote: In the Parish, the Community Floodplain Administrator may determine a site-specific ABFE other than any on the information provided above. Using detailed topographic data for the site, the Community Floodplain Administrator may determine a site-specific ABFE that is less than the ABFE provided above. The ABFE provided above is the maximum elevation of any building proposed to be built above the floodplain; the floodplain boundary is determined by the FEMA FIRM. Where an ABFE is not provided for a specific location, the elevation of the top of the building should be compared to the FIRM SFHA. A Community Floodplain Administrator may determine a site-specific ABFE that is less than the ABFE provided above; in those cases, the elevation of the top of the building should be compared to the FIRM SFHA.

For more information on how the ABFE guidance was determined for this example, please see:

For more information on these advisory maps, please see: http://www.fema.gov/hazard/discovery/evolón/paradis-12-28.pdf