

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA, Department of Homeland Security)

SUMMARY: Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed and proposed modified Base (1 percent annual chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown on the Preliminary revised Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for your community. Comments on any aspect of the FIS and FIRM, other than the proposed BFEs, will also be considered. These BFEs and modified BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of having in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In addition these BFEs, once finalized, will be used by insurance agents, and others to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings and the contents in these buildings.

DATES & SUBMISSION: The appeal period begins following the second publication of the Notice of this proposed BFE determination in a newspaper of local circulation in your community and ends 90 days thereafter. All comments and/or appeals must be submitted no later than 90 days after the second publication of the Notice in the local newspaper to:

Town of Ashland: Mr. Charles Hartgrove, Town Manager, 101 Thompson Street, P.O. Box 1600, Ashland, VA 23005

Unincorporated Areas of Hanover County : Mr. Cecil R. Harris, Jr., County Administrator, P.O. Box 470, Hanover, VA 23069

ADDRESSES: The FIS and FIRM showing the proposed and proposed modified BFEs can be viewed at:

Town of Ashland: 101 Thompson Street, Ashland, VA 23005

Unincorporated Areas of Hanover County : Department of Public Works, 7497 County Complex Road, Government Administration Building H, Hanover, VA 23069

Lessees and owners of real property are encouraged to review the FIS report, FIRM, and related materials.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: William R. Blanton, Jr., CFM, Chief Engineering Management Branch, Mitigation Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472. Telephone number (202) 646-3151.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEMA gives notice of the proposed determinations of BFEs and modified BFEs in accordance with Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, 42 U.S.C. 4104, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These BFEs, with the floodplain management measures required by 44 CFR 60.3, are the minimum measures that are required. It should not be construed to mean your community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in its floodplain management requirements. Your 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 and proposed modified BFEs are used to meet the floodplain management requirements of the NFIP and are also used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for new buildings built after the BFEs are finalized, and for the contents in those buildings.

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 605(b), the Director for Mitigation, to whom authority has been delegated by the Director of FEMA, hereby certifies that the proposed BFE determinations, if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A BFE determination under Section 1363 forms the basis for new local ordinances, which, if adopted by a community, will govern future construction within the floodplain area. By themselves, the BFE determinations impose no restriction unless and until the community voluntarily adopts floodplain ordinances in accord with these BFEs. Even if ordinances are adopted in compliance with Federal standards, the BFEs only prescribe building height in the floodplain and do not prohibit development. Thus, this action only forms the basis for future local actions. It imposes no new requirement; by itself, it has no economic impact.

Appellants must itemize each issue as an appeal or a comment. Appellants must identify themselves as the owner or lessee of property within the community, indicate how they heard about the proposed map change; describe how they believe their property rights have been adversely impacted within areas where new BFEs are proposed, and specify how the requirements of 44 CFR 67.6 have been met. Appellants should provide all other information they believe is helpful to the process that does not meet the conditions of being a formal appeal. Such information is considered a comment. Comments that are submitted within the appeal period that object to information on the FIRM or in the FIS report are called Protests. The issues raised (appeals and, comments) will be reviewed in aggregate and not addressed individually. Information must be sent directly to the community CEO. Any information submitted directly to FEMA without evidence that it was sent to the CEO within 90 days of the second publication in the local newspaper will be considered a comment.

During the formal appeal period, a community official or individual property owner may want to object to information shown on the FIRM, FBFM or FIS report. If the objection does not involve the proposed BFEs, it does not, in accordance with 44 CFR 67 constitute an appeal. Such objections are called protests, and protests should be sent directly to the community CEO and not to FEMA.

Individuals providing information and comments who have been determined by FEMA to meet the criteria of "appellant" as articulated in 44 CFR 67.5 will be sent a copy of the CEO letter, which name them as appellants. This letter will be issued within 180 days of the second publication in the local newspaper. Individuals who only provide comments and protests will not be notified. However, the information they submit will be considered in finalizing the BFEs. The resolution of the appeal will be sent to the CEO and a copy sent to the appellants.

PROPOSED AND MODIFIED BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS

The new elevations being proposed are given in the table below for the upstream and downstream limits of the flooding sources.

| Community | Flooding Source | Location | Lat/Long Coordinates | * Elevation in feet (NGVD) ¹ + Elevation in feet (NAVD) ² # Depth in feet above ground ³ | |
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| | | | | Existing | Modified |
| Unincorporated Areas of Hanover County | Beaverdam Creek | Approximately 384 feet downstream of Old State Route 156 | 37° 35' 38" / -77° 21' 30" | * 92 | * 91 |
| | | Approximately 6450 feet upstream of the Woodbridge Road | 37° 37' 50" / -77° 18' 36" | * 152 | * 151 |

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| Unincorporated Areas of Hanover County | Bull Run | Approximately 1260 feet upstream of the confluence with North Anna River | 37° 52' 39" / -77° 26' 11" | * 74 | * 75 |
| | | Approximately 1344 feet upstream of the confluence with North Anna River | 37° 52' 40" / -77° 26' 11" | * 74 | * 75 |
| Unincorporated Areas of Hanover County | Crump Creek | At approximately 2800 feet downstream of River Road | 37° 43' 31" / -77° 17' 56" | None | * 39 |
| | | Approximately at New Britton Road | 37° 41' 16" / -77° 24' 2" | None | * 191 |
| Unincorporated Areas of Hanover County | Lickinghole Creek | Approximately 643 feet upstream from the confluence with Stony Run | 37° 41' 17" / -77° 27' 2" | None | * 126 |
| | | Approximately at Design Road | 37° 43' 48" / -77° 27' 51" | None | * 220 |
| Unincorporated Areas of Hanover County | Little River | Approximately at State Route 688(Doswell Road) | 37° 50' 44" / -77° 30' 24" | None | * 95 |
| | | Approximately 7000 feet upstream from the confluence with Locust Creek | 37° 50' 44" / -77° 43' 19" | None | * 218 |
| Town of Ashland Unincorporated Areas of Hanover County | Mechumps Creek | Approximately 3258 feet upstream of Route 301 | 37° 45' 53" / -77° 21' 31" | * 51 | * 50 |
| | | Approximately at Route 1 | 37° 45' 26" / -77° 28' 18" | None | * 211 |
| Unincorporated Areas of Hanover County | North Anna River | Approximately 3.4 miles upstream of Route 1 | 37° 54' 13" / -77° 30' 33" | None | * 104 |
| | | Approximately 3015 feet upstream from Greek Bay Road | 38° 0' 27" / -77° 41' 11" | None | * 201 |
| Unincorporated Areas of Hanover County | Pamunkey River | Approximately 860 feet downstream of the confluence with Whitting Swamp | 37° 37' 58" / -77° 7' 46" | None | * 11 |
| | | Approximately at the confluence with North Anna Creek and South Anna Creek | 37° 48' 9" / -77° 24' 12" | None | * 60 |
| Unincorporated Areas of Hanover County | South Anna Creek | Approximately at State Route 54 | 37° 47' 49" / -77° 32' 57" | None | * 110 |
| | | Approximately 10,750 feet upstream of the confluence with Turkey Creek | 37° 47' 37" / -77° 46' 48" | None | * 214 |
| Town of Ashland Unincorporated Areas of Hanover County | Stony Run | Approximately 50 feet upstream of Route 682 | 37° 41' 13" / -77° 27' 17" | * 132 | * 131 |

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|--|------------------------------|---|----------------------------|------|-------|
| | | Approximately at Elmont Road | 37° 46' 0" / -77° 29' 49" | None | * 220 |
| Unincorporated Areas of Hanover County | Totopotomoy River | Approximately 2000 feet downstream of the River Road | 37° 41' 6" / -77° 12' 59" | None | * 28 |
| | | Approximately at Sliding Hill Road | 37° 42' 11" / -77° 45' 30" | None | * 173 |
| Unincorporated Areas of Hanover County | Tributary to Beaverdam Creek | Approximately 580 feet upstream of the confluence with Beaverdam Creek | 37° 37' 23" / -77° 19' 23" | None | * 140 |
| | | Approximately 1474 feet upstream of the confluence with Beaverdam Creek | 37° 37' 21" / -77° 19' 13" | None | * 140 |

¹National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929, rounded to nearest whole foot

²North American Vertical Datum of 1988, rounded to nearest whole foot

³Depth in feet above ground, rounded to nearest whole foot