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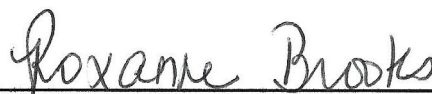
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From The New Castle Sea Level Rise Task Force Flooding: Know Your Risk

In these times of changing climate and rising sea levels, those of us living near large bodies of water might want to consider what we can do to protect our property. Certainly, there are activities at the local, state, and national level addressing these topics but most of them don't drill down to our own front doors – in a large part, that may be up to each one of us. There is good news though in that there are things each of us can address to protect ourselves in the event of a flooding situation. But first, we need to know our own risk for flooding.

Do you know if your home is on the floodplain and what that means for you? Much of the City of New Castle is low-lying. We are at risk of flooding not only from the river but from the marshy areas that are so close to many of us. In addition, excessive rain can cause flooding quickly here just like it did recently in California.

“The National Risk Index is a dataset and online tool to help illustrate the United States communities most at risk for 18 natural hazards” (<https://www.fema.gov/nri/natural-hazards>). Overall, our census tracts score relatively low but when you drill down through the 18 areas of risk, you see your own risk of riverine flooding ranges from relatively moderate to relatively high.

Floodplain maps include identifying codes which can help you determine your relative risk. These maps are also used to determine your requirement (or need) to purchase flood insurance. Delaware has an interactive map that makes it easy to determine your risk – simply go to <https://planning.dnrec.delaware.gov> and input your address. It drills down to a street-level view of your property and identifies your risk in the lower right-hand corner.

Zones at the highest risk are identified by the letters A or V and homeowners in these areas need to purchase flood insurance. If the A or V is followed by E and a number, this indicates the base flood elevation (BFE) of your property. The BFE is defined by FEMA (Protecting Your Property from Flooding, online, no date) as “...how high the water is expected to rise during flooding in high risk areas”. An example, my home in the 200 block of East Street is identified on the electronic floodplain map as AE-9. We were required to show proof of flood insurance when we purchased the home for the permit to be completed. If you have lived in your home a long time and/or your mortgage is paid off, you might not have the requirement for flood insurance but, depending on your risk level, you might want to consider it.

FEMA is required to review a community's flood maps every 5 years. The community must then decide whether to update or change them” (Floodsmart, <https://www.floodsmart.gov/flood-map-updates#:~:text=Flood%20hazards%20change,risk%20over%20time>).

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