

Delaware's Floodplain Management Newsletter

We have a new home...

As of December 16th the DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship has moved to a new office location. The Division has been consolidated at one location in the Enterprise Business Park located at: 285 Beiser Boulevard, Suite 102, Dover, DE 19904. If you have any questions you can reach me at 302-608-5496 or you can send me email at david.warga@delaware.gov



**UPCOMING
CONFERENCES**

**Association of State
Floodplain Managers
(ASFPM) Annual
Conference**

June 7th-11th
Ft. Worth, Texas

**Floodplain Management
Association
FMA Annual Conference**

September 8th-11th
Sacramento, CA

FEMA RISK RATING 2.0

UPDATE!

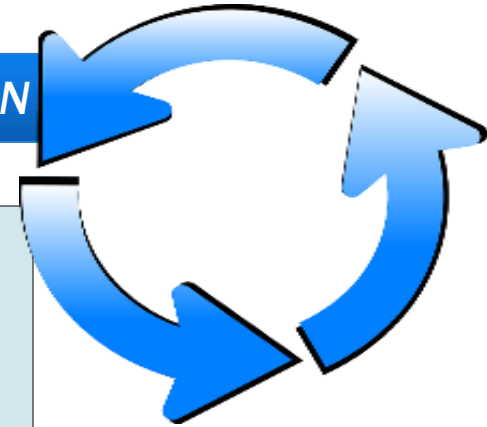
The National Flood Insurance Program's new risk rating system (Risk Rating 2.0) has been in the development stage and was planned to go effective by October 1, 2020 for all single family homes but recently FEMA has announced that they have delayed the rollout of this new rating system to October 1, 2021.



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NFIP REAUTHORIZATION



On Friday, December 20, 2019, President Trump signed a \$1.4 trillion dollar spending bill which included funding for reauthorization of National Flood Insurance Program through September 30, 2020. The extension does not contain any reforms to the NFIP.

Risk Rating 2.0 **UPDATE** continued...

Risk Rating 2.0 is expected to change the way the NFIP determines flood insurance premiums, making it easier to calculate an insurance quote and take into consideration multiple factors to reflect a more accurate flood risk. Policy quotes generated will no longer use mapped flood zones to calculate a quote. Risk ratings will be based on a number of factors, including: property specific characteristics such as foundation types, lowest floor height, base flood elevation, replacement cost, as well as proximity to a flood source. A goal of Risk Rating 2.0 is to continue the gradual cut in policy subsidies to better reflect more actuarial rates. The new premium rates will go into effect October 1, 2021, however, policy rate increases for primary residences will be restricted to 5% to 18% per year.

TRAININGS

WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

- January 15th**
 Delaware RASCL
 Coffee Hour 10am-12pm
 Dover Public Library
 Multipurpose Room A
 Dover, DE
www.derascl.org
Register Now
- February 11th**
 Delaware CRS Users Group
 Meeting
 UD Cannon Lab
 Lewes, DE
- February 24th-27th**
 FEMA L-273 Course
 Managing Floodplain
 Development through the NFIP
 Dover, DE
Hold The Date
- May 27th** - FEMA Insurance
 Roundtable
Details Forthcoming



NEW OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Through funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the DNREC, Division of Watershed Stewardship Floodplain Management Program has acquired an unmanned aerial system (UAV) with the goal of recording and documenting post flood events in Delaware. With a trained and FAA certified UAV pilot, high definition video can be obtained and utilized to provide a bird's eye view of flooding conditions and damage that may occur to local Delaware communities. A picture is worth a thousand words and drone footage can provide a detailed and meaningful look at the impact of flooding on our communities and our everyday lives. This outreach tool will be used to encourage flood protection through proper planning, mitigation efforts, and flood insurance to help lessen the flood risk.



FloodSmart.gov
Know Your Risk.

NEW FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps for New Castle County, Delaware

On January 22, 2020, the new flood insurance rate maps (FIRM) for New Castle County, Delaware are expected to go effective. The process to create these new flood maps is rather extensive and one that was started March 30, 2012. FEMA estimates that there are approximately 153,630 structures in New Castle County, 2,740 of them are in the updated flood high hazard area. Currently there are about 3,148 flood insurance policies currently in effect countywide. The communities that are part of the new flood map study are: The Village of Arden, The Village of Ardencroft, The Village of Ardentown, Bellefonte, Elsmere, Middletown, New Castle, Newark, Newport, Townsend, Unincorporated New Castle County, and Wilmington.

FREE L-273 TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

DOVER, DE – DNREC will be hosting FEMA on February 24th through 27th to bring you the opportunity take the Emergency Management Institute L-273 class right here in Dover. The L-273 Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program class is designed to provide a training opportunity for local officials responsible for administering their local floodplain management ordinance. The course focuses on the NFIP and concepts of floodplain management, maps and studies, ordinance administration, and the relationship between floodplain management and flood insurance. The target audience for this class is local floodplain mgmt. officials, administrators, building inspectors, code enforcement/zoning officers, planners, city/county managers, attorneys, engineers, and State floodplain officials. Registration information will be forthcoming in an email invitation. Please be sure to distribute this to all interested or contact david.warga@delaware.gov with any questions. Thank you.

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