



Frequently Asked Questions about Floodplains

Do I live in a flood zone?

Anywhere it can rain it can flood - meaning everyone lives in a flood zone. Risk levels vary. If you have not experienced a flood in the past, it does not mean you are safe from future flooding. The best way to learn your individual flood risk is to locate your property on a flood map or talk to your insurance agent.

Where can I find flood maps and how do I determine if my property is in a regulatory floodplain?

Floodplain data can be viewed using [Iredell County MapGeo Site](#) . More detailed information, including base flood elevations and the width of non-encroachment zones, can be found on the [NC Flood Risk Information System](#). You can also call the floodplain manager.

Do I need a permit for grading property in the 100-year floodplain?

Yes, in most cases, a Floodplain Development Permit will be needed.

Are there areas of the 100-year floodplain in which no development is allowed?

Yes, there are floodways and non-encroachment areas in which no development can occur without an engineered "No Impact" study.