



DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BULLETIN

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Subject: Floodplain Information for Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) Plan Applications

Resource: Countywide Planning Division, Environmental Planning Section

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Effective immediately, the floodplain information required for preparing a Full **Natural Resources Inventory (Full NRI) Plan** application must be approved by the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) before the application can be accepted.

For **NRI Equivalency Letter (NRI-EL)** applications, which is different from a **Full NRI Plan** application, floodplain confirmation is not required; however, if it is determined at the time of NRI-EL review that floodplain does or may occur on the site, a Full NRI plan application may be required. DPIE may also require a **Full NRI** if floodplain is determined to be present. It is strongly recommended that projects applying for a NRI-EL obtain floodplain information as early as possible.

In order to determine whether or not floodplain is present on-site, the applicant must first contact DPIE via Floodplain Information Request Form. This form can be downloaded from DPIE website at <http://md-princegeorgescounty.civicplus.com/1395/SiteRoad-Plan-Review-Forms-Checklists>. A copy of the form is also included with this bulletin and submission instructions are provided on the form as well.

To determine if there is an approved floodplain study for the subject property, or no floodplain exists on the property, DPIE will assess a specific property to determine whether a County approved watershed study, an approved private floodplain study, or the effective FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Map by FEMA) governs.

If there is an approved floodplain study, a letter from DPIE must be provided before it can be used to delineate the 1-percent annual chance (100-year) floodplain on the NRI. If there is no approved floodplain study for a site, an approved floodplain study must be completed by an engineer or the Prince George's County Department of Environment (DoE), and be approved by DPIE prior to acceptance of any NRI plan application. If a floodplain easement has been established on a property, verification from DPIE that the boundaries of the easement are still valid for the area is required.

To summarize, an approval from DPIE must be provided before the required floodplain information and NRI plan can be accepted for review. The floodplain source for the NRI can be one of the following but must be approved by DPIE:

- (1) A floodplain easement less than ten years old;
- (2) A County watershed study or FEMA effective FIS, whichever has the higher water surface elevation;
- (3) An existing floodplain study; or
- (4) A new floodplain study prepared by a licensed engineer or DoE

If no area of the 1-percent annual chance (100-year) floodplain is shown on the NRI, then documentation regarding the absence of floodplain must be obtained from DPIE that there is no 1-percent annual chance (100-year) floodplain existing on-site.