



BUNCOMBE COUNTY

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

TROPICAL STORM HELENE

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Special Flood Hazard Area

If you are building in the SFHA you MUST obtain a Floodplain Development Permit

At this time, Emergency flood permits are being issued on a case by case basis. You are responsible for following the [Buncombe County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance](#).

See additional documents on permitting requirements for damaged residential structures and access infrastructure (culverts and bridges) located within the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).

Q. Is my damaged structure or infrastructure located in a SFHA?

A. How to find out:

- Check NC Flood Risk Information System: <https://gis.buncombecounty.org/pubacc/#>
- Call the Planning Department at 828.250.4830 and provide your address
- Email the Planning Department at planninginfo@buncombecounty.org

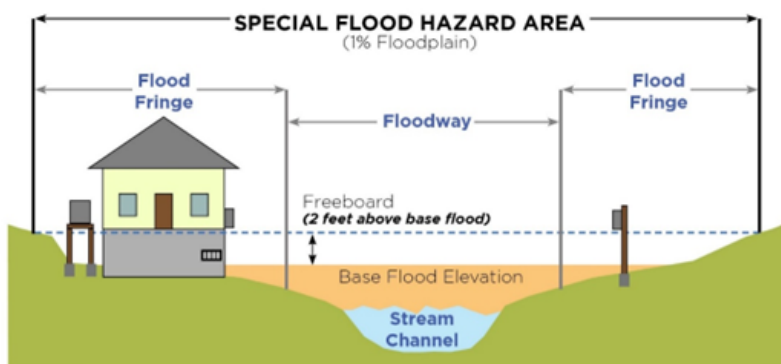
EXAMPLE

UNREGULATED 500-YEAR FLOODPLAIN
FLOOD FRINGE
FLOODWAY



No Floodway Shown?

In areas without the purple floodway shown in GIS, the applicant must hire a surveyor or engineer to determine where the non-encroachment (no-build) area is.



You may be required to:

- 1. ELEVATE**
At least 2 ft above base flood elevation
- 2. FLOODPROOF**
Must use floodproof materials
- 3. ANCHOR**
Platforms used to elevate utilities must be anchored to withstand 100yr flood

For more information on the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, go to buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/planning/floodplain.aspx.

Other questions?
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