

Preliminary Map Flood Zone Legend

Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) Subject to Inundation by the 1% Annual Chance Flood

The 1% annual chance flood (100-year flood), also known as the base flood, is the flood that has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The Special Flood Hazard Area is the area subject to flooding by the 1% annual chance flood. Areas of Special Flood Hazard include Zones A, AE, AH, AO, AR, A99, V, and VE. The Base Flood Elevation is the water surface elevation of the 1% annual chance flood.

Zone A	No Base Flood Elevations determined.
Zone AE	Base Flood Elevations determined.
Zone AH	Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually areas of ponding); Base Flood Elevations determined.
Zone AO	Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain); average depths determined. For areas of alluvial fan flooding, velocities also determined.
Zone AR	Special Flood Hazard Areas formerly protected from the 1% annual chance flood by a flood control system that was subsequently decertified. Zone AR indicates that the former flood control system is being restored to provide protection from the 1% annual chance or greater flood.
Zone A99	Area to be protected from 1% annual chance flood by a Federal flood protection system under construction; no Base Flood Elevations determined.
Zone V	Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); no Base Flood Elevations determined.
Zone VE	Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); Base Flood Elevations determined.

Floodway Areas in Zone AE

Zone AE (Floodway)	The floodway is the channel of a stream plus any adjacent floodplain areas that must be kept free of encroachment so that the 1% annual chance flood can be carried without substantial increases in flood heights.
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Other Flood Areas

Zone X (Shaded)	Areas of 0.2% annual chance flood; areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depths of less than 1 foot of with drainage areas less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from 1% annual chance flood.
Zone X (Levee)	Areas behind a levee which would flood if the levee were to fail.

Other Areas

Zone X	Areas determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain.
Zone D	Areas in which flood hazards are undetermined, but possible.