



Licking County Planning Department
And Offices of Community & Economic Development
20 South Second Street, Newark, Ohio 43055

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Licking County Resident:

A survey of your township indicates that your property is in, or very near, an area identified by engineering studies to be susceptible to flooding. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has drawn a flood map based on these studies, which shows that your home or property may be damaged by flooding. A copy of the *Licking County Flood Boundary Map* is included in this packet of information for your review.

The studies indicate at least a 1% annual chance, or approximately a 26% chance of flooding during any 30-year period, in Zone A or Zone AE. If you are interested in seeing a copy of the *Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)* for your specific property location, please call the Licking County Planning Department and set up an appointment if needed to come in during office hours, Monday thru Friday from 8:00 to 5:00.

This is only a reminder that is sent out every year as part of FEMA requirements for Licking County. Also, please share this information with others who may find it useful.

Revised *Flood Damage Prevention Regulations for Licking County Ohio (FDPR)* became effective for planning and permitting purposes on January 26, 2007, in the unincorporated areas of the county. Revised *FIRMs* and the accompanying *Flood Insurance Study (FIS)* became effective for flood insurance purposes on May 2, 2007, for the entire county.

A brochure, *Licking County Flood Protection Information*, contains information on safety procedures during flooding, and includes flood insurance information. A copy of the *Licking County Property Owner's Guide to Stream Maintenance* has also been enclosed. Information about Licking County's Floodplain Regulations, flood safety, and proper floodplain management practices are contained in these two brochures. Please read over this information to learn of your rights and responsibilities, along with methods to protect your home from natural disasters.

Studies have shown that the *Flood Insurance Rate Maps* are, at best, an estimate of the actual special flood hazard area that could exist. Any property within Licking County is eligible for flood insurance. For property not in a special flood hazard area, flood insurance is still available at significantly reduced rates. Your local insurance agent can provide more information.

The Licking County Planning Department does make on-site advisory visits to those homeowners interested in retrofitting their homes. For more information on this topic, or any other floodplain management or environmental planning issue, please visit www.lcounty.com and look under the header Building/Development, then click on Floodplain Management, or look under the header Judicial/Legal/Safety, then click on Natural Hazards Planning, or call the Licking County Planning Department at (740) 670-5200.

New to our package of information this year is a fact sheet from the Licking County Engineers Officer regarding *Licking County's MS4 Program – A Program to Manage Storm Water Runoff and Protect Our Streams from Pollution*, and also information from the Licking County Office of Homeland Security / Emergency Management / 911 Center.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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