

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**  
**Federal Emergency Management Agency**

Proposed Flood Elevation Determinations for Kent County, Michigan and Incorporated Areas

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Proposed Rule

**SUMMARY:** Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed modified Base (1% annual chance) Flood Elevations (BFEs) shown in the preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the communities listed in the table below. The BFEs are the basis for the floodplain management measures that each community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

**DATES:** The period for comment will be ninety (90) days following the second publication of these proposed rules in a newspaper of local circulation.

**ADDRESSES:** (See table below)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Jo Mullen, PE Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Branch, Mitigation Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V, 536 S. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60605, (312) 408-5541.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) gives notice of the proposed determinations of BFEs, in accordance with Section 110 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-234), 87 Stat. 980, which added Section 1363 to the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (Pub. L. 90-448)), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 44 CFR 67.4(a).

These elevations, together with the floodplain management measures required by Section 60.3 of the program regulations, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their floodplain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements on its own, or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed modified elevations will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for the new buildings and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and their contents.

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 USC 605(b), the Administrator, to whom authority has been delegated by the Director, FEMA, hereby certifies that the proposed modified flood elevation determinations, if promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. A flood elevation determination under Section 1363 forms the basis for new local ordinances, which, if adopted by a local community, will govern future construction

within the floodplain area. The elevation determinations, however, impose no restriction unless and until the local community voluntarily adopts floodplain ordinances in accord with these elevations. Even if ordinances are adopted in compliance with Federal standards, the elevations prescribe how high to build in the floodplain and do not prohibit development. Thus, this action only forms the basis for future local actions. It imposes no new requirement; of itself, it has no economic impact.

Lessees and owners of real property in the following communities are encouraged to review the preliminary FIS and FIRM and to submit comments to the appropriate community representatives as listed below. Proposed BFEs along flood sources studied in detail are shown on the flood profiles in the study. The proposed modified BFEs are as follows:

Source of Flooding and Location of Referenced Elevation	+ Elevation in feet (NAVD)		Communities Affected
	* Elevation in feet (NGVD)		
	Existing	Modified	
<b>Behan-Foley Drain:</b>			
At confluence with Buck Creek	N/A	+ 633	City of Grandville and City of Wyoming
Approximately 1,100 feet downstream of Barcroft Drive SW	N/A	+ 687	
<b>Bostwick Lake:</b>	N/A	+ 852	Cannon Township
<b>Brandywine Creek:</b>			
At confluence with Indian Mill Creek	N/A	+ 655	City of Grand Rapids and City of Walker
Approximately 1,100 feet south of Leonard Street	N/A	+ 731	
<b>Brandywine Creek Tributary 1:</b>			
At confluence with Brandywine Creek	N/A	+ 731	City of Walker
Approximately 1,200 feet north of Hazelnut Drive	N/A	+ 736	
<b>Brandywine Creek Tributary 2:</b>			
At confluence with Brandywine Creek	N/A	+ 731	City of Walker
Approximately 200 feet east of Kusterer Avenue	N/A	+ 731	
<b>Buck Creek:</b>			
Approximately 500 feet downstream of Clyde Park Avenue SW	* 658	+ 658	Byron Township and City of Wyoming
100th Street SW	N/A	+ 709	
<b>Buck Lake:</b>	N/A	+ 770	Caledonia Township

Source of Flooding and Location of Referenced Elevation	+ Elevation in feet (NAVD)		Communities Affected
	* Elevation in feet (NGVD)		
	Existing	Modified	
<b>Campau Lake:</b>	* 763	+ 762	Caledonia Township
<b>Grand River:</b>			
City of Walker / Plainfield Township corporate limits	* 619	+ 619	Plainfield Township
4 Mile Road (Plainfield Township / Ada Township corporate limits)	* 626	+ 626	
<b>Indian Mill Creek:</b>			
At confluence with Grand River	N/A	+ 616	Alpine Township,
Approximately 1,500 feet south of 6 Mile Road	N/A	+ 758	City of Grand Rapids, City of Walker
<b>Indian Mill Creek Tributary 1:</b>			
At confluence with Indian Mill Creek	N/A	+ 758	Alpine Township
Approximately 900 feet west of Fruit Ridge Avenue	N/A	+ 784	
<b>Indian Mill Creek Tributary 2:</b>			
At confluence with Indian Mill Creek	N/A	+ 758	Alpine Township
Approximately 800 feet south of 7 Mile Road	N/A	+ 801	
<b>Lake Bella Vista:</b>	N/A	+ 829	Cannon Township
<b>Rogue River:</b>			
At confluence with Grand River	N/A	+ 623	Algoma Township,
Approximately at 18 Mile Road	N/A	+ 766	Plainfield Township, Sparta Township, Tyrone Township, City of Rockford, Village of Sparta
<b>Roys Creek:</b>			
Approximately 1,400 feet upstream of confluence with Grand River	N/A	+ 606	City of Grandville and City of Wyoming
Approximately 700 feet upstream of Prairie Parkway SW	N/A	+ 629	

Source of Flooding and Location of Referenced Elevation	+ Elevation in feet (NAVD)		Communities Affected
	* Elevation in feet (NGVD)		
	Existing	Modified	
<b>Silver Lake:</b> #Depth in feet above ground *National Geodetic Vertical Datum +North American Vertical Datum	N/A	+ 855	Cannon Township

#### ADDRESSES:

##### **Kent County**

Maps available for inspection at Kent County Drain Commission, 1500 Scribner Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI

Send comments to Mr. Doug Sporte, Drain Commissioner, Kent County Drain Commission, 1500 Scribner Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

##### **Ada Township**

Maps available for inspection at Ada Township Office, 7330 Thornapple River Drive, Ada, MI

Send comments to Mr. James E. Ferro, Planning Director, 7330 Thornapple River Drive, Ada, MI 49301

##### **Algoma Township**

Maps available for inspection at Attn: Clerk, Algoma Township, 10531 Algoma Avenue, Rockford, MI

Send comments to Mr. Don Bates, Building Official, 10531 Algoma Avenue, Rockford, MI 49341

##### **Byron Township**

Maps available for inspection at Attn: Mr. Randy Zomerlei, Byron Township Hall, 8085 Byron Center Avenue SW, Byron Center, MI

Send comments to Mr. Randy Zomerlei, Building Inspector, 8085 Byron Center Avenue SW, Byron Center, MI 49315

##### **Caledonia Township**

Maps available for inspection at Attn: Mr. Ed Rusticus, Caledonia Township Town Hall, 250 Mapel Street, Caledonia, MI

Send comments to Mr. Ed Rusticus, Zoning Administrator, 250 Mapel Street, Caledonia, MI 49316

**Cannon Township**

Maps available for inspection at Cannon Township Town Hall, 6878 Belding Road NE, Rockford, MI

Send comments to Mr. Doug Hopkins - IMS Co., 6878 Belding Road NE, Rockford, MI 49341

**Cascade Township**

Maps available for inspection at Cascade Township Planning Department, 2865 Thornhill SE, Grand Rapids, MI

Send comments to Mr. Steve Peterson, Planning Director, 2865 Thornhill SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

**City of Cedar Springs**

Maps available for inspection at City of Cedar Springs, 66 S. Main Street, Cedar Springs, MI

Send comments to Professional Code Inspectors, 66 S. Main Street, Cedar Springs, MI 49319

**City of East Grand Rapids**

Maps available for inspection at East Grand Rapids City Hall, 750 Lakeside Drive SE, East Grand Rapids, MI

Send comments to Mr. Ken Feldt, Director, City of East Grand Rapids, 750 Lakeside Drive SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

**City of Grand Rapids**

Maps available for inspection at Bob Borek, Grand Rapids City Engineer's Office, 300 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI

Send comments to Mr. Bill Cole, Engineer, City of Grand Rapids, 300 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**City of Grandville**

Maps available for inspection at Attn: Dan Johnson, 3119 Wilson Avenue SW, Grandville, MI

Send comments to Mr. Dan Johnson, Assistant City Manager, City of Grandville, 3195 Wilson Avenue SW, Grandville, MI 49418

**City of Kentwood**

Maps available for inspection at City of Kentwood Engineering Department, 4900 Breton Road SE, Kentwood, MI

Send comments to Mr. Patrick T. Hughes, P.E., Assistant City Engineer, City of Kentwood, 4900 Breton Road, SE, Kentwood, MI 49518

**City of Lowell**

Maps available for inspection at City of Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI

Send comments to Imperial Municipal Services, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell, MI 49331

**City of Rockford**

Maps available for inspection at City of Rockford City Hall, 7 S. Monroe Street, Rockford, MI

Send comments to Professional Code Inspectors, 7 S. Monroe Street, Rockford, MI 49341

**City of Walker**

Maps available for inspection at City of Walker City Hall, 4243 Remembrance Road NW, Walker, MI

Send comments to Mr. Scott Conners, City Engineer, 4243 Remembrance Road NW, Walker, MI 49544

**City of Wyoming**

Maps available for inspection at City of Wyoming Engineering Department, 2660 Burlingame Avenue, Wyoming, MI

Send comments to Mr. William Dooley, Director of Public Works, 2660 Burlingame Avenue, Wyoming, MI 49509

**Gaines Township**

Maps available for inspection at Attn: Jeff Gritter, 8555 Kalamazoo Avenue SE, Caledonia , MI

Send comments to Mr. Jeff Gritter, Township Engineer, 8555 Kalamazoo Avenue SE, Caledonia, MI 49316

**Grand Rapids Township**

Maps available for inspection at Grand Rapids Township Hall, 1836 Beltline Avenue, NE, Grand Rapids, MI

Send comments to Mr. Michael DeVries, Supervisor, 1836 Beltline Avenue, NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

**Lowell Township**

Maps available for inspection at Lowell Township Town Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue SE, Lowell, MI

Send comments to Mr. Butch Visser, Building Official, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue, SE, Lowell, MI 49331

**Plainfield Township**

Maps available for inspection at Plainfield Township Building Inspections Department, 6161 Belmont Avenue NE, Belmont, MI

Send comments to Mr. Robert C. Homan, Township Manager, 6161 Belmont Avenue. NE, Belmont, MI 49306

**Solon Township**

Maps available for inspection at Solon Township Town Hall, 2305 19 Mile Road, Cedar Springs, MI

Send comments to Mr. Bob Ellick, Supervisor, 2305 19 Mile Road, Cedar Springs, MI 49319

**Sparta Township**

Maps available for inspection at Sparta Township, 160 E. Division Street, Sparta, MI

Send comments to Mr. Casey Patterson, Building Inspector, 160 E. Division Street, Sparta, MI 49345

**Tyrone Township**

Maps available for inspection at Tyrone Township, 28 E. Muskegon Street, Kent City, MI

Send comments to Mr. Casey Patterson, Building Inspector, 28 E. Muskegon Street, Kent City, MI 49330

**Vergennes Township**

Maps available for inspection at Vergennes Township Town Hall, 10381 Bailey Drive NE, Lowell, MI

Send comments to Mr. Tim Wittenbach, Supervisor, 10381 Bailey Drive NE, Lowell, MI 49331

**Village of Casnovia**

Maps available for inspection at Village of Casnovia Town Hall, 141 N. Main Street, Casnovia, MI

Send comments to Imperial Municipal Services, 141 N. Main Street, Casnovia, MI 49318

**Village of Kent City**

Maps available for inspection at Village of Kent City Village Office, 83 Spring Street, Kent City, MI

Send comments to Mr. Steven Buckner, Village President, 83 Spring Street, Kent City, MI 49330

**Village of Sparta**

Maps available for inspection at Sparta Township, 160 E. Division Street, Sparta, MI

Send comments to Mr. Casey Patterson, Building Inspector, 160 E. Division Street, Sparta, MI 49345

For further information please contact the Map Assistance Center toll free at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627).