

# The Flood Record

September 2022

## New State Floodplain Manager

On July 1, 2022, Erin C. Conley joined the floodplain management team at IDNR as the State's new Floodplain Manager. Erin is a long-time resident of Springfield and has worked for the State of Illinois for 24 years. In that time, she has worked at the Pollution Control Board, at the State's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program, and most recently at the Illinois Department of Public Health. As Erin becomes more familiar with the program, Marilyn Sucoe, NE IL Floodplain Program Manager, will continue assisting with downstate communities. Erin can be reached at [Erin.C.Conley@Illinois.gov](mailto:Erin.C.Conley@Illinois.gov) or 217.782.4428.

## Managing Your Community's Floodplains Webinars

Registration is open now for the next four monthly, one-hour virtual training webinars for local floodplain officials. They are held on Wednesdays, unless noted, from 9-10 a.m. (CT). Webinar attendance will be submitted to ASFPM for CECs for CFMs.

- **Topic #9 September 28, 2022:** [Resolving Potential Violations](#)
- **Topic #10 October 26, 2022:** [Higher Standards](#)
- **Topic #11 November 30, 2022:** [Basement Flooding Mitigation](#)
- **Topic #12 December 14, 2022:** [No Adverse Impact](#)

## BRIC, FMA and HMGP News- Pre-application deadline September 30, 2022

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) is accepting pre-applications from local governments for the 2022 cycle of FEMA's grant programs Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC), Flood Mitigation Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP).

**The deadline to submit a pre-application is September 30, 2022.**

Please check your email for a copy of the pre-application form and additional grant information sent on August 31.

If you have any questions or need an additional copy of the pre-application form, please contact Sam Al-Basha, Illinois State Hazard Mitigation Officer at [Sam.m.Al-Basha@illinois.gov](mailto:Sam.m.Al-Basha@illinois.gov) or (217) 785-9942.

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## FEMA Grant Webinar Summer Series Underway

Running through October 4, this FEMA webinar series provides information, background, insight, and education about the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program — the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) programs.

- **September 22, 2022, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., BRIC FY 2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity Technical and Qualitative Criteria**
- **September 29, 1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m., Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation Review 101**
- **October 4, 2022, 1:00 p.m.- 2:30 p.m., Using Grant Funding to Build Resilience**

Stakeholders will walk away with valuable insights from speakers with first-hand experience in the grant process as well as links to tools and resources to help grant applicants and subapplicants. [Register here](#) .

## New Sample Floodplain Permit Application Forms Available

Two new sample floodplain permit application/administration forms are now available on the [Water Resources Publications](#) webpage under OTHER FLOODPLAIN MANAGER RESOURCES. The forms are fillable Word documents that can be edited as needed. The forms provide for both applicant’s information and project details as well as the administration of the floodplain regulations and the permit processing.

A [Detailed Floodplain Permit Application](#) can be used for all development in the floodplain including new buildings. A portion of the form showing some of the permit review section is shown below.

A [Simplified Floodplain Permit Application](#) is available for permits that **do not** include a new building. This application can be used for fences, grading, erosion control projects, boat docks, driveways, etc.

Permit Review – For Staff Use Only	
<b>Note:</b> This section does not capture all required standards. Every permit application requires analysis and strict compliance to the provisions in the local floodplain ordinance.	
<b>Flood Zone</b>	<b>Determination of FPE</b>
<b>Within Regulatory Floodplain?</b>	A) Base Flood Elevation = <input type="text"/> ft.
Zone A <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	B) Required Freeboard(min 1) = <input type="text"/> ft.
Zone AE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>FPE (add A, B) = <input type="text"/> ft.</b>
Zone AO/AH <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Datum:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NGVD 29 <input type="checkbox"/> NAVD 88 <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/>
<b>Floodplain District:</b>	<b>Source for BFE:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> AE Floodway	<input type="checkbox"/> For AE Zones Floodplain map (FIRM)
<input type="checkbox"/> AE Flood Fringe	<input type="checkbox"/> For AE Zones Flood profile in Flood Ins. Study
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone A/AE no floodway, Drainage Area 1 sq mi. or greater	<input type="checkbox"/> Estimated 1% Water Surface Elevations Provide details
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone A/AE no floodway, Drainage Area less than 1 sq mi.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

## Illinois Floodplain Buyouts – Your Help is Needed

IDNR/OWR is working on a database and map of all floodplain buyouts across the state. Our data includes over 4,200 properties that were mostly those funded by IDNR or FEMA grants. We are missing buyouts that were locally funded or done as part of regional flood control facility. If your community has completed any buyouts, please contact Ron Davis and [ron.davis@illinois.gov](mailto:ron.davis@illinois.gov). Ron will share what we have for your community and add any missing parcels. Thanks for your help.

## Preliminary Floodplain Maps are out for Bond, Effingham, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties

This is exciting news for these communities that have never had a digital flood map and these maps are long overdue. The maps can be viewed at the [Flood Map Changes Viewer \(arcgis.com\)](#) and you can find instructions on how to use the site at [FEMA's Flood Map Changes Viewer Instructions](#). Unfortunately, as you do not currently have digital maps, the map viewer is not able to show how the maps are changing. If you would like to discuss adopting the Preliminary maps and Preliminary Flood Insurance Study, please contact Erin Conley at [Erin.C.Conley@Illinois.gov](mailto:Erin.C.Conley@Illinois.gov).



## Newly Mapped, Pre-FIRM & Emergency Program Risk Rating 2.0 Discounts

We've been highlighting updates in FEMA's new flood insurance rating system - Risk Rating 2.0 (RR 2.0), which, as of April 1, 2022, is in effect now for all new/renewing policies. Thousands of properties are seeing major increases in premiums but there are three rating discounts still available and explained in the [FEMA Discount Explanation Guide for Risk Rating 2.0](#) (FEMA, April 2022).

In the next few years new floodplain maps will be issued across the state including portions of Cook, Kane, and Lake counties and countywide maps in Clay, Effingham, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair. It is important to let your residents know about this discount. Properties shown in the mapped floodplain for the first time still can get a Newly Mapped discount. Newly Mapped buildings get a **70 percent discount** on the first \$35,000 of building coverage and first \$10,000 of contents coverage.

**Pre-FIRM Discount:** Buildings constructed before the first Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for a community still get a 60 percent discount on the first \$35,000 of building coverage and first \$10,000 of contents coverage.

**Emergency Program Discount:** Under RR 2.0, policies in Emergency program communities get a 60 percent discount on the first \$35,000 of building coverage and first \$10,000 of contents coverage. Those coverage limits are also the limits for residential policies in the Emergency program.

**Statutory Caps For Annual Increases:** The policies that receive Newly Mapped, Pre-FIRM or Emergency program discounts will be on a glide path to the full risk rate for subsequent year renewals, with a statutory cap on the annual increase.

The statutory caps on annual rate increases are:

- 18 percent for primary residential buildings
- 25 percent for non-residential buildings and second homes.

For more information: Visit FEMA's [Risk Rating 2.0: Equity in Action](#) page. The Community Rating System is still the best way to reduce flood insurance premiums for your residents please contact Marilyn Sucoe at [Marilyn.sucoe@illinois.gov](mailto:Marilyn.sucoe@illinois.gov) if you are interested in joining.