

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

FLOOD PLAIN PERMITS

FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CALL: (866) 849-0321

<http://floodplain.iowadnr.gov>

Citizens are reminded to gain approval from the DNR Flood Plain Management Program for new construction and reconstruction of substantially damaged buildings as redevelopment begins along the Maquoketa River upstream and downstream of the Lake Delhi Dam.

When is approval required?

Above the dam:

Approval from the DNR is required for any construction or reconstruction of buildings located below the "top of dam" elevation of 904.8 feet, NGVD 29 datum.

Below the dam to the Delaware/Jones County line:

Approval from the DNR will be required for any construction or reconstruction of buildings located within the area inundated by the July 2010 flood.

From the Delaware/Jones County downstream:

Approval from the DNR is required for any construction or reconstruction of buildings located within the "Special Flood Hazard Area" as delineated by the most recent Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) provided by FEMA.

What is the minimum required level of flood protection?

Structures, including homes and businesses, must be flood protected to a *minimum* elevation of one foot above the "100-year" flood for the specific location or in the case of buildings located downstream from the dam, one foot above the flood level of a breach, whichever is greater.

How do I apply for a permit?

Visit our web site <http://floodplain.iowadnr.gov> for all application forms and instructions on how to submit your application.

Call (866) 849-0321 for technical assistance.

Are there any local flood plain requirements?

Yes. Communities in your area may have a delegated flood plain permitting program or a local flood plain ordinance as part of their membership in the National Flood Insurance Program. Always check with your local city and county government officials regarding requirements for local flood plain development permits.

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