AN INTRODUCTION TO THE Indiana Floodplain Information Portal

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is a proven partner to FEMA with a history of providing, maintaining, and improving floodplain management services throughout the state. In partnership with FEMA, the DNR Division of Water has implemented and updated a state of the art Indiana Floodplain Information Portal (INFIP). This application operates as a web-based portal that integrates DNR's internal applications and databases with enhanced flood mapping repositories and information delivery. The application offers user-friendly internal and external mechanisms for better supporting the National Flood Insurance Program compliance and risk awareness, a key objective of FEMA's Risk MAP program. This application also serves as a proof of concept for FE-MA's latest vision for regulatory products. Combined, these elements are helping Indiana rise as one of the nation's premier Cooperating Technical Partners.

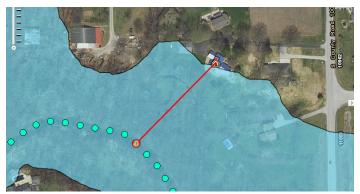


Examples of Floodplain Mapping

Effective

- Based on the currently effective FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).
- Used for regulatory purposes in Zones AE, AO, AH, or VE.
- Only the currently effective FEMA FIRM can be used for flood insurance purposes.

A FARA from DNR, Division of Water is required for any development and flood insurance in a Zone A, are unmapped, are known flood-prone areas, or have an upstream drainage area greater than one square mile.



FIRM effective Zone A

Best Available

- Based on LiDAR data and improved modeling.
- Used for regulatory purposes for sites with an upstream drainage area greater than one square mile within Zone A on FIRM.
- Used for regulatory purposes for sites with an upstream drainage area greater than one square mile where the flood hazard is unmapped on the FIRM.

A FARA from DNR, Division of Water is used for regulatory purposes where FEMA maps show Zone A, are unmapped, are known flood-prone areas, or have an upstream drainage area greater than one square mile.



Best Available showing floodway and reducing floodplain fringe

- A Floodplain Analysis and Regulatory Assessment (FARA) is required for local floodplain permitting and FEMA Letter of Map Amendment applications in A zones.
- A FARA is also required for regulatory determination when the upstream drainage area is greater than 1 square mile, areas that are unmapped on the FIRM, or areas known to be flood-prone.
- Base Flood Elevation (BFE) determinations are often used for proposed development and flood insurance purposes.
- The Indiana Floodplain Information Portal (INFIP) displays the Best Available Floodplain mapping as well as an approximate BFE.
- The layers tab allows the user to view the effective layer.
- A FARA can be submitted to the Division of Water by selecting a site in INFIP and using the eFARA wizard to submit the request.
- A BFE will be determined for the site, and the FARA will be emailed to the requestor, property owner, and local floodplain administrator.

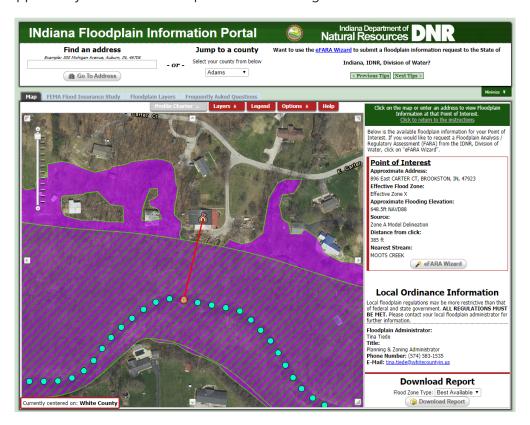
Selecting a Site

Zoom to the site by viewing the imagery:

- Using the mouse, click on a site for an approximate BFE.
- Site information will appear to the right, including the approximate BFE just above the eFARA Wizard button.
- You have the opportunity to download a report at the lower right.

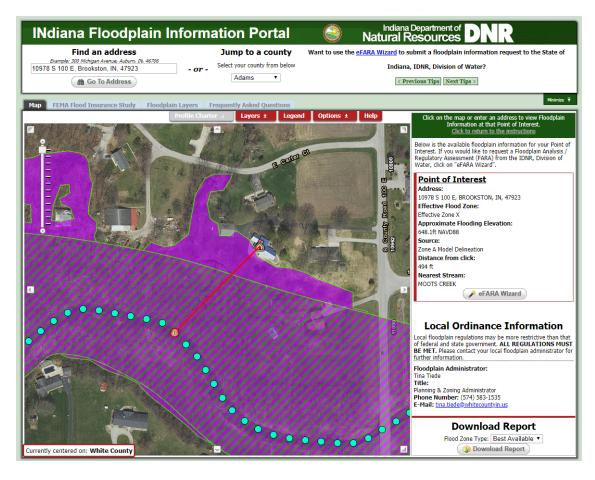
Enter the property address and click on the "Go To Address" button at top left of page:

- · Verify the system took you to the correct location.
- Site information will appear to the right, including the approximate BFE just above the eFARA Wizard button.
- You have the opportunity to download a report at the lower right.



How to determine an approximate Base Flood Elevation for a site:

- Enter an Address or Zoom to County
- Pan and Zoom to the exact site of the determination
 - Examples: parcel of land, existing residence, proposed development
- View Best Available floodplain mapping (default layer)
 - View effective map by turning layer on by using layers tab
- · Point and click on a site to determine the "approximate" Base Flood Elevation



How to submit a request using the eFARA Wizard

- · Click on the eFARA Wizard button
- Enter the purpose of determination, be descriptive as possible
- Enter contact information of requester
- Enter property owner information
- Enter property information, which may be the same or different from previous screen
- · Review submission for correctness and submit
- · Upload any additional documents
 - Examples: Surveyed elevation data, site plan showing proposed developments

