City of Rockaway Beach, Oregon

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Floodplain Residents

Many properties in the City of Rockaway Beach are identified as being in a floodplain. For details, you may contact City Hall where Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) are available and/or elevation certificates. The City has personnel available to discuss floodplains and flood insurance. Also found at City Hall and the Public Library are Community Rating System Publications, for reference, that provide information on flood maps and studies, flood insurance, protecting your building, floodplain management or flood hazard mitigation and natural and beneficial floodplain functions. The 100-year flood standard was originally developed for use in generating floodplain maps for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The defined floodplain is then identified as a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) in the community's Flood Insurance Study and the associated FIRM that are published by FEMA. The flood level shown for the SFHA has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any one year. One way to protect you and your property from flood events is by purchasing flood insurance. Remember no flood-proofing method is 100% reliable. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover a property for flood damage. The City of Rockaway Beach participates in the NFIP. Local insurance agents can sell an NFIP policy under the rules and rates set by the Federal government. Any agent can sell a policy and all agents must charge the same rates.