

USING THE FLOODPLAIN MAP TO RESEARCH REGULATED FLOOD RISK AREAS

Clicking on the following link will take you to a customized flood risk map of the county:

<http://www.mcegisohio.org/VPWeb/VPWeb.html?config=br>

- 1) You can just zoom in to a location or property using the + and – buttons. Areas in blue speckled or diagonal cross hatched shading are FEMA regulated flood hazard areas, identified as either “A” or “AE”. (Light blue shaded areas that just say “2%” are in Zone X, which is not regulated by FEMA.)
- 2) You can search by address, selecting from the Quick Search pick list choices, first choosing the jurisdiction, then the street name, and finally the address, and the map will zoom in accordingly.
- 3) If you hover your cursor over the buttons on the left you will see a label for what they offer.
- 4) This map has several layers that can be toggled on and off. The top button, “Legend”, will show the layer choices. Note that not all are turned on at first, so you may wish to see additional information, or you may wish to deselect layers not needed. Also, there are slider buttons on the “Base Layer” and on the “Ortho_2016” layer that can make that layer more transparent, if desired.
- 5) Like the Quick Search option, the Binoculars button allows you to search by address or parcel ID number.
- 6) In areas with flood plains, if you click the “i” button, it will bring up the legend. Then if you select “Flood Plain 2005”, and click a location on the map in one of the blue colored shaded areas, a results box will appear at the bottom of the screen with some clickable links. One has a legend to explain the various flood hazard symbols. Another links you to our flood hazard regulations.
- 7) If you click the “i” button, then select “FloodGrid_2005”, and then click on a location on the map, the hyperlink at the bottom of the screen will take you to the official FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map.

In summary, if you find a parcel where the building is in an “A” or “AE” FEMA regulated floodplain, you may be required to have flood insurance as a condition of financing the property. If the floodplain is on the parcel, but not in the vicinity of the residence or commercial building, you will likely not be required to obtain such insurance. Note, however, that areas outside the floodplains may still flood under severe local weather conditions.