

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**REGARDING WORKING IN A FLOOD ZONE**  
**(FEMA SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA)**

To: all home owners; business owners; contractors; engineers; architects; and interested parties

Per the Mathews County Floodplain Management Ordinance:

**A permit is required for all uses, activities and  
development in a flood zone.**

**A Building and-or Zoning Permit must be obtained for all work in a flood zone.**

This includes, but is not limited to:

- ✓ New construction and additions
- ✓ Renovations, rehab and remodeling to existing buildings
- ✓ Relocation of buildings
- ✓ The placement or use of recreational vehicles
- ✓ Docks, piers and bulkheads
- ✓ Shore line improvements
- ✓ Land disturbance or clearing of land

Mathews County participates in the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The NFIP provides flood insurance, hazard mitigation grants and other services to the citizens and residents of Mathews County.

As part of our participation, the County must meet minimum NFIP requirements.

One of these requirements is to permit all proposed construction or other development in the community that lies within a flood zone (44 CFR 60.3).

Contact the Mathews County Building Department at (804) 725-7171

- If you have any questions
- If you are unsure if your property is in a flood zone
- If you would like a flood zone determination

For additional info, please visit the Mathews Building Department Flood Zone web page at:

<http://www.co.mathews.va.us/departments-services/building-department/flood-zones>