



County of Peoria

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From: Honorable William Prather, Chairman
Peoria County Board

Dear Property Owner:

Peoria County has determined that your property is located in or near a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and may be affected during a flood event. The following information is being forwarded to all property owners that have been flooded or are near a Federally designated SFHA.

Peoria County wants to make you aware of the potential flood hazards that may threaten your property and the problems associated with flooding in this area. In addition, the enclosed brochures will outline what the County is doing to mitigate flood damages and provide some suggestions that you can follow to help protect your life, health, and property in the SFHA.

Flooding is a natural hazard occurring in Peoria County due to the Illinois River's vast watershed containing many tributaries. Your property may be located high enough that it has not been inundated by previous floods. However, it can still be flooded in the future from more serious flood events. The spring season is naturally conducive for flooding in the Midwest due to the combination of snow melting and rainfall accumulation.

The Peoria County Hazard Mitigation Plan, which was adopted by the County Board in 1985, identifies what we are doing in order to reduce flood damages. Peoria County, with the aid of State and Federal agencies, has spent over 3 million dollars acquiring flood-prone properties as well as implementing various flood mitigation activities.

Working together with property owners, we will help keep the flood related problems from becoming more serious. We would appreciate your cooperation in reviewing the enclosed brochure titled "Peoria County - Flood Hazard Area - Outreach Project".

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed information, or any other inquiries regarding floodplain management in Peoria County, please feel free to contact the office of Peoria County Planning & Zoning at (309) 672-6915.

Thank you for your cooperation and time.

Sincerely,


Honorable William Prather, Chairperson
Peoria County Board

Enclosures