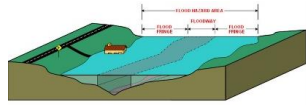




# City of Port Arthur, TX Floodplain/Mapping Information



## What is a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)?

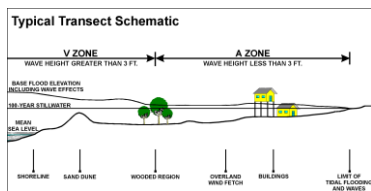
Land areas that are at high risk for flooding are called Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) or floodplains. These areas are indicated on Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). In high-risk areas, there is at least a 1 in 4 chance of flooding over the 30-year life of a mortgage.

## Is my property in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)?

If you would like to know if your property is in a SFHA, visit the City's Planning and Zoning Division at 444 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Third Floor, Port Arthur, TX. You'll find a wealth of information about the City's Flood Insurance Rate Map, coastal high hazard areas, flood depths at your property, natural conservation areas and wetland, flood insurance, special rules for building in the floodplain, and ideas for protecting your property from flood damage. Or you can call the Planning Division with all your floodplain questions at 409-983-8135. The Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map or D-FIRM is the most common map used to show flood risk zones and their boundaries. The flood maps are available at: [www.msc.fema.gov](http://www.msc.fema.gov).

## Where can I find information regarding coastal high-hazard areas, natural conservation areas, wetlands?

If you have questions regarding coastal high-hazard areas, natural conservation areas, wetlands, or special rules for building in a floodplain you can contact the Building Department at (409) 983-8261.

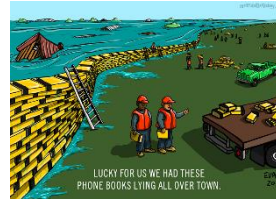


## Where can I find historical flood information?

If you have questions concerning historical flooding at a parcel or potential flood depths of your property, please contact the City of Port Arthur - Department of Public

Works – Stormwater Section at (409) 983-8184 or email: [rawetts.baaheth@portarthurtx.gov](mailto:rawetts.baaheth@portarthurtx.gov).

## Where can I find information to protect my property from flood?



If you are interested in flood mitigation techniques to protect your property, we encourage you to obtain a copy of the Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting, available for download at [www.fema.gov/floodplain-management/homeowners-guide-retrofitting](http://www.fema.gov/floodplain-management/homeowners-guide-retrofitting) or in the reference section at the Port Arthur Public Library located at 4615 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Port Arthur, TX.

## Where can I obtain an Elevation Certificate?

FEMA Elevation Certificates are available for most buildings constructed or substantially improved after 1999, if they were built in a flood hazard area. Please call the Building Department at 409-983-8261.

## Where can I find information on Flood Insurance?

Visit [www.FloodSmart.gov](http://www.FloodSmart.gov) for more information about how to protect against flooding and the steps local residents may need to take to ensure that they have proper insurance coverage to protect their investment. You are also encouraged to discuss your options with your insurance agent.