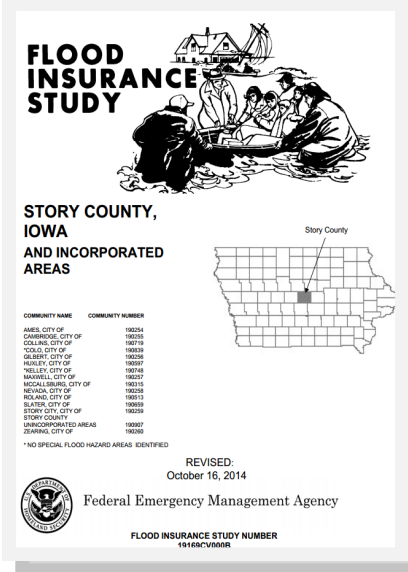




# Floodplain Management in Story County

Story County has a long, established history of floodplain management programs, through the review of applications and issuance of permits to record-keeping to relationship of floodplain management and hazard mitigation for properties in *unincorporated* Story County.



Our adopted Floodplain Management program looks at three aspects - Regulations, Mapping, and Flood Insurance. More details on each of these components may be found on the **Story County website** at [www.storycountyiowa.gov](http://www.storycountyiowa.gov).

**To help you get started, we've put together this quick guide.**

To look at your property and determine whether it is in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), visit the **Story County Assessor's website** at [www.storyassessor.org](http://www.storyassessor.org). Enter your address in the search box, and once the report comes up showing your property, click on the "Map" icon in the upper left corner.

Another great resource to find an official flood map, access flood hazard products and understand flood risk is **FEMA's Flood Map Service Center** at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>. On that site, you can search by address and use other tools to find your property.

To see if there is a Flood Elevation Certificate on file for your property, contact the County's Floodplain Manager at 515-382-7247. Please note, we only have information for the unincorporated areas of Story County (outside city limits).

For literature on flood safety, protecting your property against flood damage, and recovering after a flood, helpful publications are distributed to libraries throughout Story County and you can view additional information on the **Story County Emergency Management Commission's webpage** at [www.storycountyiowa.gov](http://www.storycountyiowa.gov).

For information when a floodplain development permit is required in *unincorporated Story County*, review the Floodplain Management Ordinance at [www.storycountyiowa.gov](http://www.storycountyiowa.gov) (**Chapter 80**) and contact the County's Floodplain Manager at 515-382-7247.

Real-time flood information is provided by the stream and river sensors installed across the state of Iowa. If you're tracking progress of floodwaters, visit the **Iowa Flood Center's IFIS tool** at <http://ifis.iowafloodcenter.org/ifis/main/?v=b>.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has compiled a "**Flooding in Iowa**" video series to educate local officials and the general public about floodplains, flood risks, and basic floodplain management principles.

The videos are divided into five categories: Introduction to the NFIP, Understanding Flooding, Floodplain Mapping, Floodplain Regulation, and Flood Insurance. You can view them online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/floodinginiowa>.

