

NEW FLOOD MAPPING INFORMATION

Changes to the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) might impact your flood insurance rates and may require you to buy flood insurance for the first time. Your home may also be have been removed from the flood prone areas. To find your home on the maps, go to <http://gisweb.co.bucks.pa.us/FloodPlainViewer>. This site is provided by the Bucks County Planning Commission and shows the "A" and "AE" high risk areas (these areas are shown on the flood maps). The preliminary maps are proposed to go into effect by November of 2012.

If you do not have Internet access, or are having trouble accessing the FIRMs through the above web site, a printed copy of the map for Hulmeville is available at the Borough Hall (321 Main Street). Please contact Debbie Mahon at 215-702-7143 or 267-994-2206 to arrange to view the maps. If you do have internet access, but are having trouble with the above web site, you can also view the maps on the borough web site (www.hulmeville-pa.gov).

IMPORTANT: If your property is in a flood zone, and you are required to obtain flood insurance, it is important to do so before the new preliminary flood zones, as indicated on the FIRM, go into effect. By obtaining flood insurance before the new flood zones are activated, you will be locked in at the current (presumably lower) rates. Afterwards, you will be required to obtain insurance at a likely higher rate.

Have a dispute on the mapping? FEMA has a process allowing homeowners to dispute the flood hazard location. The process is initiated by submitting an application for a Letter of Mapping Change (LOMC). Information can be accessed through www.floodsmart.gov (1-888-379-9531, for insurance specific information). You can also do the "one-step flood risk profile" to see if you're in a high risk area. This link also provides insurance information. By going to the "Flood Map Update Schedule" menu you will find a link that discusses the Preferred Risk flood insurance Policy (PRP). **Through this policy, you may be eligible for a low-cost insurance policy as well as receive information on Grandfathering of currents rates.**

Date Delivered: _____

Address: _____

Do not dump anything along the Neshaminy Creek or other stream areas. Do not store anything along the Neshaminy Creek or other stream areas. Both of these will become blockage problems and back-up water into surrounding areas including you and your neighbor's properties.

*Storm water runoff is **not safe or healthy** to wade or swim in. Storm water can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to our streams and creek.*

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH FLOOD PREPARATION

When high waters are expected along the Neshaminy Creek, you should prepare for the following:

- Secure or move any items that may be washed away in flood waters (swing sets & wood piles) and may add to unnecessary debris downstream
- Hulmeville residents may receive calls through the Bucks County Ready Notify PA's Emergency Notification System during flood emergencies. The automated message states the expectations of the impending rising waters. If you are not receiving those calls, you can sign up at www.bucks.alertpa.org or write to Sue Dudek, EMA Specialist, 911 Freedom Way, Ivyland, PA 18974

You can also view the Neshaminy Creek's hydrologic heights by going to the National Weather Services and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) site:

<http://water.weather.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=phi&gage=lngp1>

- Main Street may be closed at Ford Avenue
- PECO may shut off your gas/electric
- If you have property damage, call your insurance company as soon as possible to report the damage
- IF you have suffered damage to your home from floodwaters, contact Hulmeville's Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) so the proper channels can be followed to report to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). PEMA analyzes the damage information it receives from the county to determine if the event warrants requesting assistance from either the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and/or from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

If and when assistance has been granted, you then need to register with FEMA. After which, you will receive a call from the FEMA housing inspector. On-site inspections (which are free) are an important early step helping to speed aid to homeowners and renters suffering flood damage.

- Building Inspection Underwriters (BIU) are available to inspect your utilities before PECO will reconnect.

PECO –	800-841-4141
BIU –	(215) 322-2626
EMC -	(215) 757-6531 ext. 6
SBA -	800-659-2955
FEMA, Region III-	800-621-3362 (800-462-7585 speech/hearing-impaired)

Other helpful numbers:

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)	1-800-427-4661
Bucks Co. Emergency Services	(215) 340-8700, 911 Freedom Way, Ivyland PA 18974
Bucks Co. Board of Assessment	(215) 348-6220
Health Dept. of Bucks	(267) 580-3510
Republic Services (boro Trash Company)	(610) 265-6337
Hulmeville Police Department	(215) 757-1700
William Penn Fire Company	(215) 752-7740
PA Department of Health	(877)724-3258