

# OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

## ADVISORY XIII

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS: Recent revisions to the Ohio Revised Code place responsibility on local subdivisions and the Commission, including its District Committees, to assure that projects are in compliance with State **FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION STANDARDS** prior to approval.

Revised Code Section 1521.14 (C)(1) requires that local subdivisions applying for funding demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Commission that the project will comply with flood damage reduction standards. These requirements only apply to local subdivisions where floodplain areas have been identified pursuant to the National Flood Insurance Program.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water, is currently developing rules to establish flood damage reduction standards. Until these rules have been adopted, projects shall comply with the criteria of the National Flood Insurance Program adopted under the National Flood Insurance act of 1968.

There are 710 counties and municipal corporations in Ohio with 100 year floodplains within their boundaries. Most participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and have local regulations that are in compliance with NFIP standards. Please contact your program representative for a copy of **Ohio Flood Damage Reduction Standards** and a list of political subdivisions compliance status.

Counties and municipal corporations, **who are in compliance**, applying for projects located within a designated 100 year flood plain must receive a **Local Floodplain Permit** from the local subdivision's Floodplain Administrator, usually the city or county building department or clerk's office. A copy of the Local Floodplain Permit will demonstrate compliance to the satisfaction of the Commission.

Counties and municipal corporations, **who are not in compliance**, must satisfy the National Flood Insurance Program regulations before their projects located within a designated 100 year floodplain can be approved. [Contact the ODNR Division of Water, 1939 Fountain Square, Columbus, Ohio 43224, (614) 265-6750 for information about the National Flood Insurance Program requirements.] Certification by the local subdivision that the project meets the National Flood Insurance Program criteria will demonstrate compliance to the satisfaction of the Commission.

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