

# FLOOD MITIGATION MASTER PLAN

Whether you live, work, or play within the Lincoln city limits, you are impacted by flooding. In addition to physical damage caused by flooding, economic damages and loss of tax revenue can be massive burdens on future services and infrastructure investment within the community. The Flood Mitigation Master Plan will assess risk and identify actions that can reduce long term flood risk to human life, local properties, and the environment.

The plan was created following guidelines outlined in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS), a program that rewards efforts to reduce flood risk by lowering flood insurance rates for residences and businesses. Lincoln participates in the program and is currently a Class 5 community, which reduces flood insurance rates by 25%.

**To learn more about the Flood Mitigation Master Plan, visit [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (search: Flood Mitigation).**



# Things YOU can do to reduce your flood risk

1. **Know your flood hazard.** Find out if your property is located in a flood-prone area. Visit [lincoln.ne.gov](http://lincoln.ne.gov) (search: GIS) and select “Floodplain” in the layers menu of the GIS Viewer. Or call 402-441-7589.
2. **Insure your property for your flood hazard.** Ask your insurance agent if you are covered for flood damage. Renters should buy flood insurance for their contents.
3. **Protect yourself from the flood hazard.** Turn around, don't drown. Don't attempt to drive through, wade through or enter a flooded area or street.
4. **Protect your property from the flood hazard.** Elevate furnaces, air conditioners and other appliances above the flood level. Store valuables and important papers upstairs in a waterproof container.
5. **Build responsibly.** Obtain a permit from Building & Safety. Don't build or grade within 10 feet of the property line so you don't alter the drainage between homes. Use only licensed contractors who know the rules.
6. **Protect natural floodplain functions.** Do not put pollutants into streets or storm drains. Maintain detention or retention areas in your neighborhood.

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