

Spring 2025 Floodplain Management Webinars: Free Training for Local Officials & Residents in Kane County

(MEDIA RELEASE - 2/19/25) Attention Local Officials, Floodplain Administrators, Zoning Administrators, Surveyors, Planners, Building Officials, and Residents:

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is offering free **Spring 2025 Floodplain Management Webinars**—ideal for those new to the **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)** and a refresher for others.

Managed by **FEMA** and coordinated in Illinois by **IDNR/OWR**, the NFIP helps communities **reduce flood risks** and access **federal flood insurance, disaster assistance, and mitigation grants**. Participation requires adopting **local floodplain management regulations**.

Flooding is Illinois' most common natural disaster, causing nearly **\$700 million** in annual damages. Over **250,000 buildings** are in floodplains, and unwise development increases risks. Currently, **82 counties and 770 communities** participate in the NFIP.

For more information on joining, visit **FEMA's NFIP site**. **Spring 2025 webinars** cover key topics like **elevation certificates, floodplain ordinances, and map changes**.

Elevation Certificates (Feb. 25, 11:30 AM): [Register here](#)

Updated State Model Ordinance (March 25, 11:30 AM): [Register here](#)

Letter of Map Changes Process (April 22, 11:30 AM): [Register here](#)