Dear Resident.

You are receiving this brochure because your property is located in or near a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).

As part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), floodplains and floodways on many local streams have been established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Flood Insurance Study (FIS) includes Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) that present the adopted floodplains, floodways, and flood profiles for streams in Metro Nashville. The current FIS for Metro Nashville is available on our website. All streams within Metro Nashville are subject to flooding and backwater flooding can be significant.



Learn more at our website or by calling the number below.

Este documento contiene información importante sobre areas de inundaciones. Escanee este código para ver la versión en español en nuestro sitio web.



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### Using the Metro Nashville FIRST Tool

Simply visit nashvilletn.withforerunner.com, then it's easy as 1,2,3!

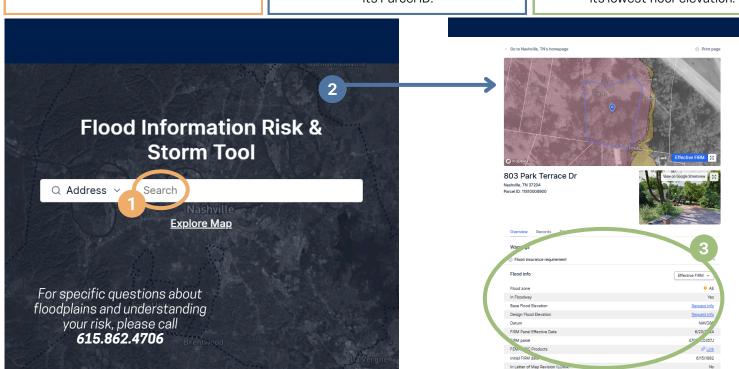
Select the Search Icon

This will allow you to search your specific address or by various other fields.

**Search by Address or Intersection** 

Once selected, the tool will direct you to a new page with a map of your address and its Parcel ID. **Review Your Information** 

FIRST will provide information such as whether your address is in a floodway and its lowest floor elevation.



### **Know Your Flood Risk**

Floods cause more damage in the United States than any other natural hazard. It is important that you know your flood hazard risks and take proper flood safety precautions. Note that flooding can even occur on properties located outside a designated FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Learn more about your risk using the Metro Nashville Parcel Viewer, available at: maps.nashville.gov/ParcelViewer. View FEMA's Flood Insurance Rate Maps at: www.fema.gov/flood-maps.

## **Insure Your Property**

Manage your flood risks by understanding your individual vulnerability and securing appropriate flood insurance coverage. Flooding is not covered by a standard homeowner's insurance policy. Flood insurance is available to homeowners, condo owners, commercial owners, and all renters.

Additional information can be found online at: www.floodsmart.gov.

# **Build Responsibly**

All developments in SFHAs require local permits. Many SFHAs also have protected water quality buffers where development is restricted.

Building permits, issued by the Codes Administration, are required for all improvements or additions to existing structures as well as for any new structures. There are also additional requirements for projects constructed in the SFHA.

Additional information is available at: www.nashville.gov/departments/water/developers.

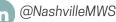


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For more information about flood safety or the NFIP, please note the following:

www.floodsmart.gov www.ready.gov/floods 1.888.379.9531



### **YOURSELF & FAMILY**

The Nashville Emergency Response Viewing Engine (NERVE) presents realtime information about road closures, school closings, locations of emergency shelters, food and water distributions centers, and Disaster Assistance centers.

Did you know that it only takes 6 inches of water to sweep a person? Only 18 inches to sweep a large vehicle! It's not worth the risk.
Remember: **Turn Around. Don't Drown**.

### **YOUR PROPERTY**

Various methods may be used to minimize flooding.

If a flood is imminent, protect your property by sandbagging areas vulnerable to the entry of water. Valuables and furniture may also be moved to higher areas of the dwelling to minimize damages.

### **NATURAL FUNCTIONS**

Floodplains play a valuable role and can provide a wide range of benefits to both human and natural systems.

Vegetated buffers along streams provide additional benefits including improved water quality, reduced streambank erosion, wildlife habitat, groundwater recharge, and flood mitigation.