

Hurricane Sandy Advisory Base Flood I (ABFEs)

- **in New Jersey and New York**



Know Your Risk.

View the Advisory Flood Hazards for your Location Today!

NEW! Advisory Base Flood Elevation information is now available for Westchester County, New York and portions of New York City, in addition to the following New Jersey Counties: Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Union.

- View online through [FEMA's Interactive ABFE Map](#). [View the video tutorial](#) or [read the quick start guide](#). Mobile device users: zoom directly to your location using tools on the [mobile site](#).
- Use the [What is My ABFE? address lookup tool](#) to find out the Advisory Base Flood Elevation for your location quickly and easily. Read the [quick start guide](#).
- People with accessibility needs



Know Your Role.

Learn Why ABFEs are Important to You!

FEMA will assist communities in applying the Advisory Base Flood Elevations as they evaluate their risk during the long term recovery and rebuilding phase. The Advisory information will also be provided to other Federal and State agencies and local governments to assist in carrying out their recovery efforts. Find out below why Advisory Base Flood Elevations are important to you.

Community Officials - State and local governments can use the Advisory information to site and elevate critical facilities and other public works projects, to plan and evaluate mitigation grant projects, and to guide new construction. Visit the [Advisory Base Flood Elevation Toolkit for Community Officials webpage](#) for a full list of resources, including downloadable fact sheets and presentations that can be used to communicate with residents.

Property Owners - Property owners can understand where flood risk exists and

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may call 1-800-427-4661 or use our [online form](#) to request and receive assistance in identifying and interpreting the Advisory Base Flood Elevation information for their property.

Other Ways to View Advisory Base Flood Elevation Info:

- Use these map panel indexes to locate and view the Advisory Base Flood Elevation .pdf map panel you need.

[Central Region](#)

[North Region](#)

[South Region](#)

- **GIS Users:** Access information using these Web Services:

[ABFE ESRI REST](#)

[ABFE Web Map Service \(WMS\)](#)

[ABFE KML](#) (Viewable in Google Earth)

Advisory map panels in .pdf format and GIS shapefiles of data layers are also available for download through [FEMA's Interactive ABFE map](#) and the [What is my ABFE? tool](#). Read the quick start guides for these tools (links above) for more information. Note that GIS shapefiles for New York City are not yet available.

View a summary of changes made to certain Advisory map panels since the original release of the maps on the [Advisory Base Flood Elevation Map Panel Updates page](#).

Coming Soon!

Advisory Base Flood Elevation

decide whether to build to higher standards based on what has been learned from Hurricane Sandy. Visit the [Advisory Base Flood Elevation Toolkit for Property Owners webpage](#) for answers to many of your questions, helpful fact sheets you can download and other resources.

Builders and Architects - Architects and builders can use the Advisory Base Flood Elevations to design responsible rebuilding and rehabilitation solutions for property owners.

Resources:

- [Rebuilding After Hurricane Sandy: Building Safer and Stronger Pays Off](#)
- [FEMA Hurricane Sandy Building Science Resources page](#)
- [Building Sciences Fact Sheet](#)
- [Advisory Base Flood Elevation FAQ](#)
- [ABFE fact sheet](#)
- [ABFE Map Layer and Key Term Glossary](#)

Lenders and Insurance Agents

Lenders and insurance agents can help property owners understand how Advisory Base Flood Elevations can affect flood insurance costs.

Resources:

- [ABFE fact sheet](#)
- [ABFE FAQ](#)
- [ABFE Map Layer and Key Term Glossary](#)
- [FloodSmart.gov Agent website](#)
- [NFIP Write Your Own Program page](#)

Flood

Be prepared to take action to protect your property and to

For long-term recovery, it is important to understand the impact of flood damage on your community and to take steps to reduce the risk of future damage.

Resources

Learn more about the different types of flood damage and how to reduce the risk of future damage.

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Properly maintained flood damage prevention measures can help reduce the risk of future damage.

information is currently being developed for the remainder of New York City and will be available in late February 2013. GIS shapefiles for all of New York City and the remainder of .pdf map panels for the City will be released at that time.

Questions or comments about Advisory Base Flood Elevations? Call the National Flood Insurance Program Help Center at 1(800) 427-4661 or contact us through our [online form](#) today.

What are Advisory Base Flood Elevations?

The known flood risk has changed since the last effective community Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for many communities in New Jersey and New York. FEMA is creating Advisory Base Flood Elevations (ABFEs) to show a more current picture of flood risk for certain communities affected by Hurricane Sandy. The Advisory information can help communities better understand current flood risks and ensure structures are rebuilt stronger and safer to reduce the impact of similar events in the future.

Adopting standards based on Advisory information will not change current flood insurance rates within a community. Flood insurance policies are rated using the zones and flood elevations on the current effective FIRM.

Get Updates

Sign up for [FEMA's e-mail list serve](#) for the latest information on Hurricane Sandy ABFEs. Or sign up for this website's [RSS feed](#) to receive ABFE updates.

Get the Facts

Read the [Advisory Base Flood Elevation Fact Sheet](#) to learn more about what ABFEs are, how they were developed, and how they can help you rebuild safer, stronger and smarter! Get answers to [Frequently Asked Questions about Advisory Base Flood Elevations](#).

View your community's current effective FIRMs (flood maps) on [FEMA's Map Service Center](#) website.

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