## **OWNING PROPERTY IN FLOODPLAINS**

FLOODWAY FACT SHEET

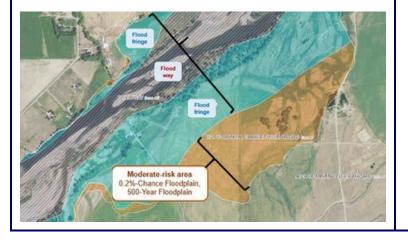


A <u>Floodway</u> is the area within the floodplain that must be free from new development, so the 1% Annual Chance (100-year) Flood can occur without substantial increases in flood heights. The <u>Floodway</u> will typically see the highest and deepest water during a flood event. The floodway is considered to have a <u>HIGH</u> flood risk.

## **DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS**

Teton County and the City of Choteau strictly regulate development in the Floodway to protect human life and property.

- New building construction is not permitted in the floodway.
- Improvements to existing structures in a <u>floodway</u> must obtain a Floodplain Development Permit.
- You must work with your local floodplain administrator prior to any work in the floodway.



## **INSURANCE REQUIRMENTS**

- Lenders will typically reevaluate their loans to reassess flood risk when the new maps go effective. If you own a building in a high risk flood area and have a federally backed loan, your lender will require you to have flood insurance, because the flood maps indicate a high flood risk.
- FEMA's rating methodology considers specific characteristics of a building to provide a more modern, individualized flood insurance rate.
- If you own a building in the <u>floodway</u>, contact your insurance agent about flood insurance.

WHERE It Is Built (Property Address)



**HOW It Is Built (Building Characteristics)** 



WHAT Is Built and Covered (Replacement Cost and Coverage)



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