

**CONTAINMENT WALL :** a wall surrounding all sides of an above ground tank to contain any spills or leaks.

**EXISTING MANUFACTURED HOME PARK or SUBDIVISION** a manufactured home park or subdivision that was recorded in the deed registry prior to the adoption date of the community's first floodplain management regulations.

*FLOOD(ING):*

- A. A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from:
  - (1) the overflow of inland or tidal waters.
  - (2) an unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source.
- B. The collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by severe storm, or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event which results in flooding as defined in paragraph A(1) of this definition. *(Amended June 11, 2003)*

**FLOOD ELEVATION STUDY:** an examination, evaluation, and determination of flood hazards and, if appropriate, corresponding water surface elevations.

**FLOODWAY ENCROACHMENT LINE** - the lines marking the limits of floodways on federal, state, and local floodplain maps.

**FREEBOARD** - a factor of safety usually expressed in feet above a flood level for purposes of floodplain management. Freeboard tends to compensate for the many unknown factors, such as wave action, bridge openings, and the hydrological effect of urbanization of the watershed that could contribute to flood heights greater than the height calculated for a selected size flood and floodway conditions.

**MINOR DEVELOPMENT:** all development that is not new construction or a substantial improvement, such as repairs, maintenance, renovations, or additions, whose value is less than 50% of the market value of the structure. It also includes but is not limited to: accessory structures as provided for in Article VI.L., mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation, drilling operations, storage of equipment or materials, deposition or extraction of materials, public or private sewage disposal systems or water supply facilities that do not involve structures; and non-structural projects such as bridges, dams, towers, fencing, pipelines, wharves, and piers.

**NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM (NAVD):** the national datum whose standard was established in 1988, which is the new vertical datum used by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) for all new Flood Insurance Rate Maps. NAVD is based upon the vertical data used by other North American countries such as Canada and Mexico and was established to replace NGVD because of constant movement of the earth's crust, glacial rebound and subsidence, and the increasing use of satellite technology.

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#### **REGULATORY FLOODWAY**

a. the channel of a river or other water course and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height, and,

b. when not designated on the community's Flood Insurance Rate Map, it is considered to be the channel of a river or other water course and the adjacent land areas to a distance of one-half the width of the floodplain, as measured from the normal high water mark to the upland limit of the floodplain.