

Buying Homes in the Floodplain

North Royalton, Ohio

Project Type: *Floodplain Management*

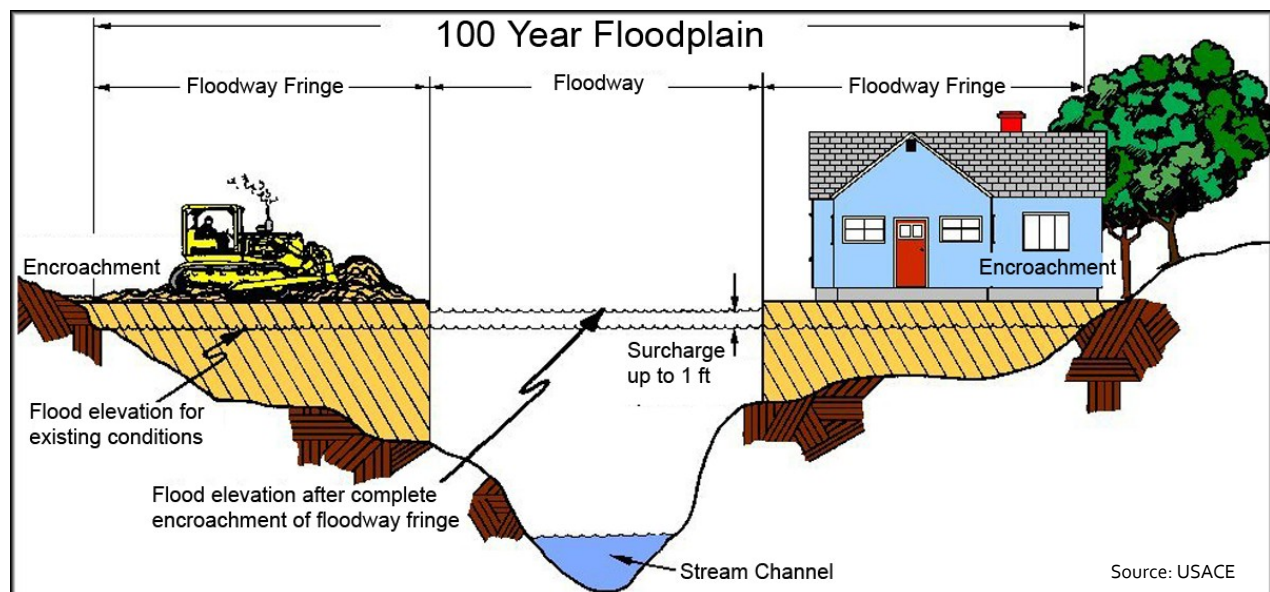
Description and Size: In 2005, the City of North Royalton received two Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grants to purchase and demolish six (6) homes located within the floodplain; three (3) homes on Abby Road, two (2) homes on Edgerton Road, and one (1) on Akins Road. The City had a record of damages to these properties from September 1997, June 2000, May 2003, and May and June 2004. As a result of coordination between the Ohio Emergency Management Agency and the Cuyahoga County Emergency Management Agency offices, the City was able to submit applications for funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The applications were scored and ranked by the State Hazard Mitigation Team and submitted to FEMA for subsequent approval.

Design: The City of North Royalton is the project administrator for these projects.

Cost: These projects were funded through the HMGP. This grant program requires a 25% non-federal match (i.e. 75% of the total project funds came from federal, 12.5% came from the state, and the remaining 12.5% came from the City). The Ohio EMA office assisted the city with the environmental review and benefit-cost analysis. The two acquisition projects cost: \$798,720 (four structures/properties) and \$427,569 (two structures/properties).

Maintenance: The land, once acquired, is owned by the City. As a condition, the owner will dedicate and maintain the property in perpetuity for uses with open-space, recreational, or wetlands management practices. To date, the City has yet to demolish any of the structures.

Application: This type of project can be applied to any structures located within the floodplain that have a documented history of repeated flooding.



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