

## **Flood Plains and YOU!**

You have to be prepared for floods, whether you live in a flood zone, or not. Check the Public Works Department – Engineering Division website (<http://www.mariettaga.gov/departments/pubworks/floodplain.aspx>) for information of Floods, Flood Safety Awareness Week (March 17 – 21, 2014), Stormwater Management & Quality, and other related topics. Outside the flood zone is not necessarily safe.

More than 25% of all flood claims are from outside the flood zone. Property that is flat is more likely to flood. Flood insurance is the best protection and is available through most insurance agencies; however floods are not covered under regular business, home owners, or renters insurance. Flood Insurance is MANDATORY for a property located within the 100 year flood plain.

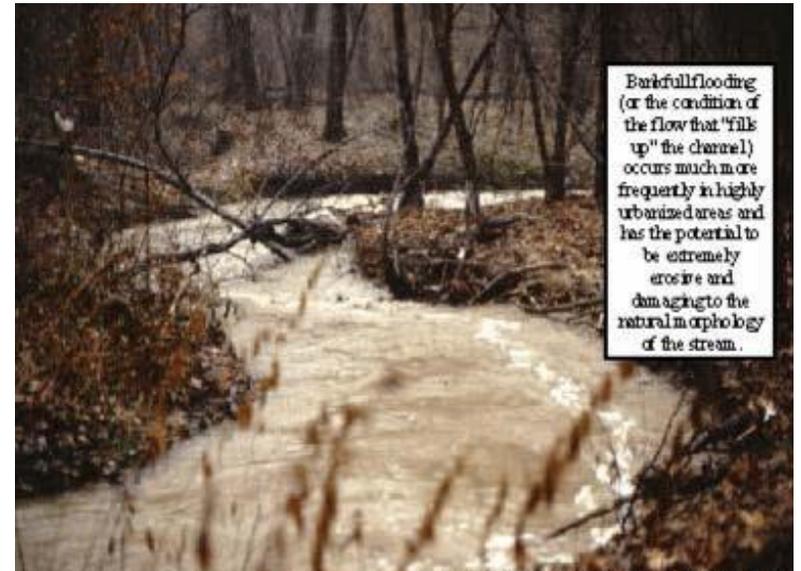
Move outdoor storage and parking above the potential flood water level whenever possible. Securely anchor buoyant items such as oil and propane tanks, or firewood stacks to keep them from floating away, clogging roadway pipes resulting in increased upstream flooding.

Do not store trash or waste where it may be reached by flood waters. FEMA suggests: Install backflow preventer valves in septic lines and seal or raise the tops of well casings / monitoring tubes. Raise generators, pumps, electrical outlets, appliances, stands and shelving above water levels. Make sure your pets / animals can reach safety above flood waters without help.

**As of October 2013 the City of Marietta is a Community Rating System (CRS) Class 8 (previously Class 10) by the Insurance Services Office (ISO), which provides savings to our citizens who have flood insurance.** If you have questions on FEMA Flood Plains and the effect on you and your property, contact the Marietta Department of Public Works – Engineering Division:

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## **Determine Flood Plain Risk on property by address:**

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