



APPEAL PETITION OF PRELIMINARY FLOOD ELEVATIONS

During the 90-day Public Comment Period, a formal **Appeal** can be made by a community official or any other interested party who objects to the new or revised information shown on a preliminary Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (DFIRM) panel and/or in the accompanying Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report that shows Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) to be scientifically or technically incorrect (see the Protest Petition form for submitting objections other than BFEs). The distinction between “scientifically incorrect” and “technically incorrect” is important because of the differences in the types and amounts of data needed to support an Appeal Petition. The basis of formal appeals is listed below along with the data needed to support it.

Scientifically Incorrect Base Flood Elevations

Basis of Formal Appeal	Required Data to Support Appeal	Submitted by
Incorrect or inappropriate methodology used in the new study	Justification for use of an alternative hydrologic or hydraulic methodology.	Certified professional engineer
Methodology not correctly applied in the new study; i.e., inappropriate or incorrect assumptions in methodology	A revised study that includes all recalculated BFEs, updated hydrologic and/or hydraulic analysis, flood profiles and floodplain and floodway boundaries, using the alternative methods or data that are believed to be superior to those used in the preliminary study.	

Technically Incorrect Base Flood Elevations

Basis of Formal Appeal	Required Data to Support Appeal	Submitted by
Insufficient or poor quality data in a new study	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Data believed to be superior to those used in original hydrologic or hydraulic analysis; documentation for source of the new data 2. A revised study, including updated hydrologic and/or hydraulic analysis, flood profiles, and floodplain and floodway boundaries, using the alternative methods or data that are believed to be superior to those used in the preliminary study 	Certified professional engineer
Mathematical error in a new study	Information that identifies the error and provides the correct calculation	
Measurement error in a new study	Information that identifies the error and provides the correct measurement	
Physical change in the floodplain since the new study	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information that identifies the change and sufficient topographical and/or structural data for an updated hydraulic analysis 2. Certified topographic maps or other certified ground elevation data of greater detail or more recent than those used for the preliminary DFIRM panel in question. 	Certified land surveyor or GIS specialist

An Appeal Petition and all supporting documents can only be submitted during the 90-day Public Comment Period and therefore must be received no later than 03/02/2011. Please mail this fully completed Appeal Petition form and **three** (3) copies of all supporting documentation to:

Hernando County Building Department
Attn: Judy Garhart, Flood Map Processing.
789 Providence Blvd
Brooksville, FL 34601



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Hernando County

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

Full name: _____

Company/Organization (if applicable): _____

Representative (if applicable): _____

Property Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parcel Key Number (KEY): _____

Mailing Address (if different than above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

CERTIFYING PROFESSIONAL

Full name: _____

Company/Organization (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address (if different than above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone Number: _____

Florida License Number: _____ Registered Professional Engineer

Registered Professional Land Surveyor

Panel Number	Basis of Formal Objection (ex. Incorrect Base Flood Elevation, Incorrect Floodway Width, etc.)	Data Supporting Objection (ex. Attached is a revised watershed model with new BFE's and revised floodplain mapping)

APPELLANT'S STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, attest that all of the above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that the three (3) sets of documentation being submitted to make this appeal are identical.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

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Received By: _____	Received Date: _____		
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