

COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

WHEREAS, the County has the responsibility under the Flood Control and Watershed Management Act, § 8-9A-01 et seq., Natural Resources Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to control floodplain development in order to protect persons and property from danger and destruction and to preserve the biological values and the environmental quality of the watersheds or portions thereof under its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the County has the responsibility under the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, and the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as amended, to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations which meet the requirements of Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 55-77, et seq., in order to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program and remain eligible for federally subsidized flood insurance, federal disaster relief, and federal and State financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore the purpose of this Ordinance to protect human life and health; to minimize public and private property damage; to encourage the utilization of appropriate construction practices in order to prevent or minimize flood damage in the future; to protect individuals from unwittingly buying lands and structures which are unsuited for intended purposes because of the flood hazards; to protect water supply, sanitary sewage disposal, and natural drainage; to reduce financial burdens imposed on the community, its governmental units, and its residents by preventing the unwise design and construction of development in areas subject to flooding; to provide for public awareness of the flooding potential; and to provide for the biological and environmental quality of the watersheds or portions thereof located in the County; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of this Ordinance provide a unified comprehensive approach to floodplain management which addresses requirements of the federal and State programs concerned with flood plain management; namely, the National Flood Insurance Program and the President's Executive Order 11988 of May 27, 1977 on floodplain management, the State's Waterway Construction Permit Program, State Wetlands Permit Program, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 10 and Section 404 permit programs; and the State's Coastal Zone Management Program.

BY repealing

Article 21
Section 1-101 through 1-501
Anne Arundel County Code (1985, as amended)

BY adding