



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

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2016 Preliminary Flood Map Release

On June 30, 2016 the Federal Emergency Management Agency through North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency management released preliminary flood maps for Dare County, including the Town of Kill Devil Hills. The maps are released in a digital format and can be viewed on the Flood Risk Information System (FRIS). The website is <http://www.ncfloodmaps.com/>. Below is a link to a video featuring Steve Garrett, CFM, NC Department of Public Safety, Emergency Management, which explains how the FRIS works and the features the site offers. Some of the features include determining your property's flood zone, first floor elevation of the structure, creating a flood map of your property, and a flood insurance calculator. Please call the Kill Devil Hills Planning Department with any questions, or for additional instructions, 252-449-5318.

FRIS video: <https://youtu.be/Aq7eefFqsZA>

The formal public comments period on the preliminary flood maps for Dare County will begin in the fall of 2016. Public meetings will be held to provide opportunities to learn more about and to comment on the preliminary flood maps. When this matter comes before the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners, there will be public notices distributed electronically and posted on the Town's website, www.kdhnc.com, and on the Town's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/townofkdh. Adopting the preliminary flood maps requires a lengthy process. The preliminary maps will not be in effect for 18-24 months. In the Town of Kill Devil Hills, many properties have been removed from the floodplain or have reduced base flood elevations. Until the new maps are adopted, the flood maps dated September 20, 2006 will continue to be the regulatory maps in effect in Kill Devil Hills.

Attached are answers to *frequently asked questions* that can help you understand the process and the new map designations: <http://www.kdhnc.com/DocumentCenter/View/8059>

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