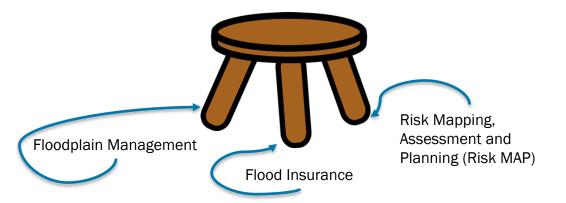
# National Flood Insurance Program

- Created by Congress in 1968 to reduce the loss of property and life by lessening the impact of disasters.
- The NFIP is a voluntary program.
  - Federally-backed flood insurance is available to residents in communities that enforce minimum floodplain regulations
- The NFIP is often described as a three-legged stool:



#### **GET FLOOD INSURANCE**









Anyone in a Participating Community Can Purchase Flood Insurance through the NFIP



https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/work-with-nfip/community-status-book

### Standard Flood Insurance Policy (SFIP) Limits

- \$250,000 building
- \$100,000 contents
- \$30,000 Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC)
- Vacation/secondary homes are eligible for coverage
- Contents-only or rental policies are available

Dwelling Form



- \$500,000 building
- \$500,000 contents
- \$30,000 ICC

General Property



- Building insured up to:
- 100% of the replacement cost of the building *or*
- The total number of units times \$250,000 (whichever is less)
- Contents insured up to \$100,000 per building
- Contents must be commonly-owned
- Co-insurance may apply
- •\$30,000 ICC

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Special Conditions Apply to Group Flood Insurance Policies (GFIPs)



# Standard Flood Insurance Policy (SFIP): Coverages

- Coverage A: Building Property
- Coverage B: Personal Property
- Coverage C: Other Coverages
  - Debris removal
  - Loss Avoidance Measures
  - Property Moved to Safety
  - Condominium Loss Assessment
- Coverage D: Increased Cost of Compliance

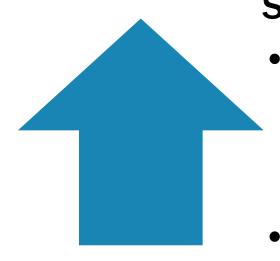
# Flood insurance has you covered.







#### First, What Are Flood Zones?



#### **Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs)**

- Higher risk zones
  - AE (replaces A1-A30)
  - A, AH, AO, A99, AR
  - VE (replaces V1-30), V, VO
- 100-year floodplain = 1% annual chance flood

## **Non-Special Flood Hazard Areas**

- Lower-to-Moderate Risk Zones
  - B, C, X
  - D



#### Moving from Lower-Risk to Higher-Risk: What Does This Mean for Me?

- If your risk is going up...
  - You may be required to have flood insurance if you have a federally-backed loan
  - Even if you don't have a federally-backed loan,
    flood insurance is strongly encouraged
  - The Newly Mapped Discount may offer costsavings for structures newly mapped into the Special Flood Hazard Area.
    - To be eligible, the structure must be newly mapped into the SFHA for the first time;
    - This must not be the community's initial FIRM; and,





- Flood insurance must be purchased within 12 months of the effective date of the new map.
- If your lender notifies you of a flood insurance requirement within 24-months of the effective date, you may be eligible for an exception to the 12-month window.

#### Moving from Higher-Risk to Lower-Risk: What Does This Mean for Me?

- If your risk is going down...
  - The mandatory purchase requirement no longer applies to federally-backed loans
  - Low risk does not mean no risk
  - Talk to your insurance agent about your options





#### What Else Can I Do to Reduce My Flood Insurance Costs?

- Lower Your Flood Risk
  - Elevate utilities
  - Install flood openings
  - Talk to your local floodplain manager or the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for more information and other options
- Choose a higher deductible or different coverage amounts
- Provide an elevation certificate

#### Did You Know?

- The Community Rating System rewards communities for outstanding floodplain management practices and exceeding the minimum NFIP standards.
- Starting October 1, 2021, CRS discount became available throughout CRS communities regardless of flood zone.
- Increasing CRS rating leads to further discounts. In Class 1 communities, the discount can be as high as 45%.

