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PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR REPAIR OF FLOOD-DAMAGED STRUCTURES

Due to the flooding as a result of an ice jam on the Chagrin River near horseshoe glen on March 12& 13th 2015 many homes were subjected to flood waters. The City of Willoughby Hills floodplain management urges owners of structures damaged by flooding to be aware of the following information.

Willoughby Hills participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). All NFIP-participating communities have adopted locally enforced flood damage reduction regulations. These regulations contain standards for *new*, *substantially damaged*, and/or *substantially improved* structures in identified Special Flood Hazard Areas (100-year floodplains). The 100-year or regulatory flood has a one percent probability of occurring in any given year.

A substantially damaged structure is one that has damage equal to or exceeding 50 percent of the pre-damaged market value. Substantially improved structures include those with repairs, alterations or additions that are equal to or exceeding 50 percent of the market value of the structure before any improvements.

Willoughby Hills' regulations, which reflect minimum federal criteria for flood damage prevention, require that development permits be obtained before any activities occur in the Special Flood Hazard Area. If your residence has been affected by the recent flooding and you are going to make repairs, please contact Fred Wyss at 440-975-3550 for a permit application and information on any standards that apply.

All structures on Trailard Dr., Glengate Road, Mayfriars Road, and Chagrin Dr. are in the Special Flood Hazard Area. Additionally, some structures along Dodd Road are also in the Special Flood Hazard Area. To confirm if your property lies in a SFHA you may view the Flood Hazard Rate Maps available at the Building Department behind City Hall at 35405 Chardon Rd. or by simply asking the Building Commissioner.

If you have additional questions contact Building Commissioner Fred Wyss at 440-975-3550 or fredwyss@willoughbyhill-oh.gov.