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Greenable Topic

Waterways & Flood Resilience

What should I know?

- ⇒ Atlantic hurricane season extends from June 1 to November 30th. NOAA's [Climate Prediction Center](#), a division of the National Weather Service, offers predictions and overviews for this season.
- ⇒ The Township contains portions of nine subwatersheds, and each is a distinct feature of the community's water resources, flood vulnerability and surface water characteristics. Know your flood hazard! FEMA notes that only two feet of moving water can sweep a car away. Never drive down flooded roadways.

How can I get involved?

- ⇒ The [Woodbridge Water Story Survey](#) helps educate residents about the fate and transport of water, recreational aspects of water within and near the community, and asks for feedback in relation to ecology, flood risk, and watersheds. Read the water story [HERE](#). Watch the Water Story [HERE](#)!
- ⇒ Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover flooding. Check with your insurance provider to learn more click [HERE](#).

Why is it important?

- ⇒ [Only Rain Goes Down Our Storm Drains](#). Properly functioning stormwater inlets help reduce roadway flooding and convey stormwater to drain into rivers, the Raritan Bay and Atlantic Ocean! Let's keep our waterways clean and pristine – nothing but water goes down our drains!
- ⇒ Natural habitats are the definition of [resilient infrastructure](#). These areas are more readily able to rebound after storms, and they provide flood storage capacity while serving as havens for biodiversity.

Reminders!

- ⇒ The Division of Engineering provides free FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) determinations based on a street address. Learn more [HERE](#).
- ⇒ Gather supplies that you might need during a flood event, such as: a 'go-bag', battery-powered radio, emergency kit, etc. In addition, be aware of alternative evacuation routes from your neighborhood.
- ⇒ Generators should never be operated inside, and never drive down flooded roadways.