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# The Department of Water Resources Releases Floodway Development Review Standards

**BISMARCK, N.D.** – The North Dakota Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released its Floodway Development Review Standards policy document, available here: https://www.dwr.nd.gov/reclink/4dcgi/GetPolicyDocument/46.

The standards provide guidance to community floodplain administrators and engineering firms on the process necessary to comply with federal and state laws related to development within FEMA-mapped floodways. The standards are intended to support consistent review procedures and help communities and consultants better understand floodway development requirements.

To support implementation of the standards, the DWR will host two training sessions in August. The trainings will be offered both in person and virtually.

Training information is as follows:

September 22, 2026, 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Training for Engineers

September 23, 2026, 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Training for Community Floodplain Administrators

The in-person training location in Bismarck will be provided in the registration.

Register below:

Training for **ENGINEERS:**

Register here for DWR Floodway Development Review Standards - Engineers

Training for **COMMUNITY FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATORS:**

Register here for DWR Floodway Development Review Standards – Community Floodplain Administrators

For more information, visit www.dwr.nd.gov.

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