



CHAPTER 143
ARTICLE 21 - WATER AND AIR RESOURCES

N.C.G.S. § 143-215.56.

Delineation of flood hazard areas
and 100-year floodplains; powers of
Department; powers of local governments
and of the Department.

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§ 143-215.56(a) For the purpose of delineating a flood hazard area and evaluating the possibility of flood damages, a local government may:

- (1) Request technical assistance from the competent State and federal agencies, including the Army Corps of Engineers, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, the North Carolina Geodetic Survey, the North Carolina Geological Survey, and the U.S. Geological Survey, or successor agencies.
- (2) Utilize the reports and data supplied by federal and State agencies as the basis for the exercise by local ordinance or resolution of the powers and responsibilities conferred on responsible local governments by this Part.

§ 143-215.56(b) The Department shall provide advice and assistance to any local government having responsibilities under this Part. In exercising this function the Department may furnish manuals, suggested standards, plans, and other technical data; conduct training programs; give advice and assistance with respect to delineation of flood hazard areas and the development of appropriate ordinances; and provide any other advice and assistance that the Department deems appropriate. The Department shall

send a copy of every rule adopted to implement this Part to the governing body of each local government in the State.

§ 143-215.56(c)

A local government may delineate any flood hazard area subject to its regulation by showing it on a map or drawing, by a written description, or any combination thereof, to be designated appropriately and filed permanently with the clerk of superior court and with the register of deeds in the county where the land lies. A local government may also delineate a flood hazard area by reference to a map prepared pursuant to the National Flood Insurance Program. Alterations in the lines delineated shall be indicated by appropriate entries upon or addition to the appropriate map, drawing, or description. Entries or additions shall be made by or under the direction of the clerk of superior court. Photographic, typed or other copies of the map, drawing, or description, certified by the clerk of superior court, shall be admitted in evidence in all courts and shall have the same force and effect as would the original map or description. A local government may provide for the redrawing of any map. A redrawn map shall supersede for all purposes the earlier map or maps that it is designated to replace upon the filing and approval thereof as designated and provided above.

§ 143-215.56(d)

The Department may prepare a floodplain map that identifies the 100-year floodplain and base flood elevations for an area for the purposes of this Part if all of the following conditions apply:

- (1) The 100-year floodplain and base flood elevations for the area are not identified on a floodplain map prepared pursuant to the National Flood Insurance Program within the previous five years.
- (2) The Department determines that the 100-year floodplain and the base flood elevations for the area need to be identified and the use of the area regulated in accordance with the requirements of this Part in order to prevent damage from flooding.
- (3) The Department prepares the floodplain map in accordance with the federal standards required for maps to be accepted for use in administering the National Flood Insurance Program.

§ 143-215.56(e)

Prior to preparing a floodplain map pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, the Department shall advise each local government whose jurisdiction includes a portion of the area to be mapped.

§ 143-215.56(f)

05	1977	c. 771, s. 4	AMENDED
06	1987	c. 827, ss. 154, 184	AMENDED
07	2000	S.L. 2000-150, s. 1	AMENDED
08	2002	S.L. 2002-165, s. 1.6	AMENDED
09	2011	S.L. 2011-145, s. 19.1(g)	AMENDED
10	2017	S.L. 2017-145, s. 1(e)	AMENDED
11	2023	S.L. 2023-137, s. 22(b)	AMENDED
12	2024	S.L. 2024-1, s. 4.7(b)	AMENDED

APPARATUS II
2 AUTHORITIES

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 143-215.25	(h)	<i>"supervised dam removal, as defined in"</i>
G.S. 143-215.27(c)	(h)	<i>"that complies with the requirements of"</i>

APPARATUS III

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