

**NOTES TO USERS**

This map is for use in administering the National Flood Insurance Program. It does not necessarily identify all areas subject to flooding, particularly from local drainage sources of small size. The **community map repository** should be consulted for possible updated or additional flood hazard information.

To obtain more detailed information in areas where **Base Flood Elevations (BFEs)** and/or **floodways** have been determined, users are encouraged to consult the Flood Profiles and Floodway Data and/or Summary of Stillwater Elevations tables contained within the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report that accompanies this FIRM. Users should be aware that BFEs shown on the FIRM represent rounded whole-foot elevations. These BFEs are intended for flood insurance rating purposes only and should not be used as the sole source of flood elevation information. Accordingly, flood elevation data presented in the FIS report should be utilized in conjunction with the FIRM for purposes of construction and/or floodplain management.

Boundaries of the **floodways** were computed at cross sections and interpolated between cross sections. The floodways were based on hydraulic considerations with regard to requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. Floodway widths and other pertinent floodway data are provided in the Flood Insurance Study report for this jurisdiction.

Certain areas not in Special Flood Hazard Areas may be protected by **flood control structures**. Refer to Section 2.4 "Flood Protection Measures" of the Flood Insurance Study report for information on flood control structures for this jurisdiction.

The **projection** used in the preparation of this map was Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Zone 18 North. **Horizontal datum** was NAD 83, GRS80 spheroid. Differences in datum, spheroid, projection or UTM zones used in the production of FIRMs for adjacent jurisdictions may result in slight positional differences in map features across jurisdiction boundaries. These differences do not affect the accuracy of this FIRM.

Flood elevations on this map are referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988. These flood elevations must be compared to structure and ground elevations referenced to the same **vertical datum**. For information regarding conversion between the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 and the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, visit the National Geodetic Survey website at <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/> or contact the National Geodetic Survey at the following address:

NGS Information Services  
NOAA, N/NGS12  
National Geodetic Survey  
SSM/C-3, #9202  
1315 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282  
(301) 713-3242

To obtain current elevation, description, and/or location information for **bench marks** shown on this map, please contact the Information Services Branch of the National Geodetic Survey at (301) 713-3242, or visit its website at <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/>.

**BASE MAP SOURCE:** Base map files were obtained in digital spatial data format from the Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access (PASDA) geospatial information clearinghouse for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Berks County. Road centerlines, political boundaries, and streamlines were provided by county. 2008 LIDAR data were downloaded from the PASDA website at <http://www.pasda.psu.edu/>.

Based on updated topographic information, this map reflects more detailed and up-to-date **stream channel configurations and floodplain delineations** than those shown on previous FIRM for this jurisdiction. As a result, the Flood Profiles and Floodway Data tables for multiple streams in the Flood Insurance Study Report (which contains authoritative hydraulic data) may reflect stream channel distances that differ from what is shown on previous maps.

**Corporate limits** shown on this map are based on the best data available at the time of publication. Because changes due to annexations or de-annexations may have occurred after this map was published, map users should contact appropriate community officials to verify current corporate limit locations.

Please refer to the separately printed **Map Index** for an overview map of the county showing the layout of map panels; community map repository addresses; and a Listing of Communities table containing National Flood Insurance Program dates for each community as well as a listing of the panels on which each community is located.

For information on available products associated with this FIRM visit the **Map Service Center (MSC)** website at <http://msc.fema.gov/>. Available products may include previously issued Letters of Map Change, a Flood Insurance Study Report, and/or digital versions of this map. Many of these products can be ordered or obtained directly from the MSC website.

If you have **questions about this map** how to order products of the National Flood Insurance Program in general, please call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) at 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627) or visit the FEMA website at <http://www.fema.gov/business/mfi>.

Stillwater elevations may be shown to the nearest tenth of a foot. Users should refer to the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for detailed flood elevation information.



**LEGEND**

**SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS (SFHAs) SUBJECT TO INUNDATION BY THE 1% ANNUAL CHANCE FLOOD**

The 1% annual chance flood (100-year flood), also known as the base flood, is the flood that has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The Special Flood Hazard Area is the area subject to flooding by the 1% annual chance flood. Areas of Special Flood Hazard include Zones A, AE, AH, AO, AR, A99, V, and VE. The Base Flood Elevation is the water-surface elevation of the 1% annual chance flood.

**ZONE A** No Base Flood Elevations determined.

**ZONE AH** Base Flood Elevations determined.

**ZONE AO** Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually areas of ponding); Base Flood Elevations determined.

**ZONE AR** Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain); average depths determined. For areas of alluvial fan flooding, velocities also determined.

**ZONE A99** Special Flood Hazard Area formerly protected from the 1% annual chance flood by a flood control system that was subsequently decertified. Zone AR indicates that the former flood control system is being restored to provide protection from the 1% annual chance or greater flood.

**ZONE V** Area to be protected from 1% annual chance flood by a Federal flood protection system under construction; no Base Flood Elevations determined.

**ZONE VE** Coastal flood zone with velocity hazard (wave action); no Base Flood Elevations determined.

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**FLOODWAY AREAS IN ZONE AE**

The floodway is the channel of a stream plus any adjacent floodplain areas that must be left free of encroachment so that the 1% annual chance flood can be carried without substantial increases in flood heights.

**OTHER FLOOD AREAS**

**ZONE X** Areas of 0.2% annual chance flood; areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depths of 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from 1% annual chance flood.

**OTHER AREAS**

**ZONE X** Areas determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain.

**ZONE D** Areas in which flood hazards are undetermined, but possible.

**COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM (CBRS) AREAS**

**OTHERWISE PROTECTED AREAS (OPAs)**

CBRS areas and OPAs are normally located within or adjacent to Special Flood Hazard Areas.

1% annual chance floodplain boundary  
0.2% annual chance floodplain boundary  
Floodway boundary  
Zone D boundary  
CBRS and OPA boundary  
Boundary dividing Special Flood Hazard Area Zones and boundary dividing Special Flood Hazard Areas of different Base Flood Elevations, flood depths or flood velocities  
Base Flood Elevation line and value; elevation in feet\*  
Base Flood Elevation value where uniform within zone; elevation in feet\*  
\* Referenced to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988

Bridge  
Footbridge  
Culvert  
Cross section line  
Transect line  
Geographic coordinates referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83)  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid values, zone 18 North  
5000-foot grid ticks: Pennsylvania State Plane coordinate system (FPSZONE 3702), Lambert Conformal Conic projection  
Bench mark (see explanation in Notes to Users section of this FIRM panel)  
River Mile

**MAP REPOSITORY**  
Refer to listing of Map Repositories on Map Index

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF COUNTYWIDE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP**  
DECEMBER 5, 1997

**EFFECTIVE DATE(S) OF REVISION(S) TO THIS PANEL**

JANUARY 7, 2000 - to change Base Flood Elevations, Special Flood Hazard Areas, zone designations, and floodways; and to add Base Flood Elevations and floodway.  
MAY 21, 2001 - to change Base Flood Elevations, to change Flood Hazard Areas, and to add roads and road names.  
JULY 3, 2012 - to change Special Flood Hazard Areas, to reflect updated topographic information, to incorporate previously issued Letters of Map Revision, and to update roads and road names.  
For community map revision history prior to countywide mapping, refer to the Community Map History table located in the Flood Insurance Study report for this jurisdiction.  
To determine if flood insurance is available in this community, contact your insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-800-638-6620.

**MAP SCALE 1" = 500'**

250 0 500 1000 FEET  
150 0 150 300 METERS

**NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM**

**PANEL 0506G**

**FIRM FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP**

**BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA (ALL JURISDICTIONS)**

**PANEL 506 OF 700**  
(SEE MAP INDEX FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT)

**CONTAINS:**

COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
LOWER ALSACE, TWP OF	420140	0506	G
MUHLENBERG, TWP OF	420144	0506	G
READING, CITY OF	420145	0506	G

Notice to User: The Map Number shown below should be used when placing map orders. The Community Number shown above should be used on insurance applications for the subject community.

**MAP NUMBER 42011C0506G**  
**MAP REVISED JULY 3, 2012**

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**