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## PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

To: Common Council  
From: Joe Stephenson  
Date: November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Re: Flood Storage District - Discussion

Flood storage district is the area delineated adjacent to floodways and often within floodplains. These areas are where flood waters are stored and relied upon to reduce regional flood hazards. The district protects the area and prevents development from increasing the elevation of a flood event. For various reasons, during developments these districts may have to move from their original locations. Currently the City of Kaukauna does not allow such a movement but both Outagamie County and FEMA guidance allows for this practice to occur.

One of the items Outagamie County's ordinance covers that the City's ordinance does not is the use of compensatory storage. Compensatory storage covers the event in which floodplain storage is lost, that lost storage would be compensated for in an adjacent floodplain. This allows for the shifting of floodplain areas while still keeping the total amount of floodplain storage; allowing for more flexibility within projects and developments.

Plan Commission approved an ordinance to allow for compensatory storage and about the ordinance currently being used by Outagamie County. See attached.

No action is required. This is a discussion item to provide notice to council ahead of a public hearing and adoption at the next council meeting.