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PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

To: Plan Commission
From: Joe Stephenson
Date: 12/16/2022
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.

Attached are examples of the County's ordinance. (Sec 24-162 (1-4))