

**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.

The AE Zone category has been divided by a **Limit of Moderate Wave Action**. The LMWA represents the approximate landward limit of the 1.5-foot breaking wave. The effects of wave hazards between the VE Zone and the LMWA (or between the shoreline and the LMWA for areas where VE Zones are not identified) will be similar to, but less severe than those in the VE Zone.

**Coastal Base Flood Elevations** shown on this map apply only landward of 0.0' North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88). Users of this FIRM should be aware that coastal flood elevations are also provided in the Summary of Stillwater Elevations tables in the Flood Insurance Study report for this jurisdiction. Elevations shown in the Summary of Stillwater Elevations table should be used for construction and/or floodplain management purposes when they are higher than the elevations shown on this FIRM.

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 State Plane South Carolina FIPS 3900. The **horizontal datum** was NAD 83, GRS1980 spheroid. Differences in datum, spheroid, projection or State Plane 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** information shown on this FIRM was provided in digital format by Charleston County, South Carolina.

This map may reflect more detailed or up-to-date **stream channel configurations** than those shown on the previous FIRM. The floodplains and floodways that were transferred from the previous FIRM may have been adjusted to conform to these new stream channel configurations and improved topographic data. The profile baselines depicted on this map represent the hydraulic modeling baselines that match the flood profiles and Floodway Data Tables if applicable, in the FIS report. As a result, the profile baselines may deviate significantly from the new base map channel representation and may appear outside of the floodplain.

**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.

Contact the **FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX)** at 1-877-336-2627 for information on available products associated with this FIRM. Available products may include previously issued Letters of Map Change, a Flood Insurance Study report, and/or digital versions of this map. The FMIX may also be reached by Fax at 1-800-358-9620 and their website at <http://www.msc.fema.gov/>.

If you have **questions about this map** or questions concerning the National Flood Insurance Program in general, please call 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627) or visit the FEMA website at <http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>.

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

**11-16-1990 CBRS Area**  
FLOOD INSURANCE NOT AVAILABLE FOR STRUCTURES NEWLY BUILT OR SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 16, 1990, IN DESIGNATED CBRS AREAS.

Boundaries of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) shown on this FIRM were transferred from the official CBRS source map(s) for this area and are depicted on this FIRM for informational purposes only. The official CBRS maps are enacted by Congress via the Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended, and maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). The official CBRS maps used to determine whether or not an area is located within the CBRS are available for download at <http://www.fws.gov>. For an official determination of whether or not an area is located within the CBRS, or for any questions regarding the CBRS, please contact the FWS field office for this area at (843) 727-4707.



This digital Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) was produced through a unique cooperative partnership between the State of South Carolina and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The State of South Carolina has implemented a long-term approach of floodplain management to decrease the costs associated with flooding. This is demonstrated by the State's commitment to map floodplain areas at the local level. As a part of this effort, the State of South Carolina has joined in a Cooperating Technical State agreement with FEMA to produce and maintain this digital FIRM.

<http://www.dnr.state.sc.us/>



**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, AV, 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 AE** Base Flood Elevations determined.  
**ZONE AH** Flood depths of 1 to 3 feet (usually areas of ponding); Base Flood Elevations determined.  
**ZONE AO** 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 AR** Special Flood Hazard Area formerly protected from the 1% annual chance flood by a flood control system that was subsequently derelictified. Zone AR indicates that the former flood control system is being restored to provide protection from the 1% annual chance or greater flood.  
**ZONE AV** 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.

**FLOODWAY AREAS IN ZONE AE**

The floodway is the channel of a stream plus any adjacent floodplain areas that must be kept 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 less than 1 foot or with drainage areas less than 1 square mile; and areas protected by levees from 1% annual chance flood.  
**ZONE D** Areas determined to be outside the 0.2% annual chance floodplain. Areas in which flood hazards are undetermined, but possible.

**OTHER AREAS**

**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.

Floodplain boundary  
 Floodway boundary  
 Zone D boundary  
 Zone AE 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 and flood velocities.  
 Limit of Moderate Wave Action  
 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

513 (EL 513)  
 Cross section line  
 23 - - - - 23  
 Transsect line  
 Culvert, Flume, Penstock, or Aqueduct  
 Bridge  
 Footbridge  
 Geographic coordinates referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), Western Hemisphere  
 76°00'00"E  
 32°22'30"N  
 600000 FT  
 5000-foot grid values: South Carolina State Plane coordinate system, (FIPS ZONE 3900), Lambert Projection  
 Bench mark (see explanation in Notes to Users section of this FIRM panel)  
 ML5  
 River Mile

MAP REPOSITORY  
 Refer to listing of Map Repositories on Map Index

EFFECTIVE DATE OF COUNTYWIDE FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP  
 September 9, 2009 - November 17, 2004

EFFECTIVE DATE(S) OF REVISION(S) TO THIS PANEL  
 SEE NOTICE TO FLOOD INSURANCE USERS IN THE FIS REPORT

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 0538K

**FIRM**  
**FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP**

**CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND INCORPORATED AREAS**

PANEL 538 OF 855  
 (SEE MAP INDEX FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT)

CONTAINS:

COMMUNITY	NUMBER	PANEL	SUFFIX
CHARLESTON COUNTY	455413	0538	K
MOUNT PLEASANT, TOWN OF	455417	0538	K
SULLIVANS ISLAND, TOWN OF	455418	0538	K
OP			

**PRELIMINARY**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2016**

NOTE: THIS MAP INCLUDES BOUNDARIES OF THE COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM ESTABLISHED UNDER THE COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES ACT OF 1982 AND/OR SUBSEQUENT ENABLING LEGISLATION. 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  
**45019C0538K**

MAP REVISED

Federal Emergency Management Agency