



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER #250

#### **Relating to Interagency Cooperation and Adherence to National Flood Insurance Program Requirements**

**WHEREAS**, a significant portion of Wisconsin's land resources is subject to recurrent flooding by overflowing of streams, lakes and other watercourses threatening life and causing loss of property, disruption of commerce and governmental services, unsanitary conditions and interruptions of transportation and communication, all of which are detrimental to the health, safety, welfare and property of the occupants of flooded lands and the people of Wisconsin;

**WHEREAS**, the public interest necessitates sound land use development as land is a limited and irreplaceable resource, and the floodplains are a land resource to be used in a manner which will result in minimum loss of life or threat to health or water quality and in minimization of private and public economic loss caused by flooding;

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin's Floodplain Management program is designed to protect life, health and property, minimize expenditures of public monies for costly flood control projects, minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts undertaken at the expense of the general public, minimize business interruptions, minimize damage to public facilities (such as watermains, sewer lines, streets and bridges), prevent increases in flood heights that could increase flood damage, discourage development in the floodplain if there is any practicable alternative, and discourage the victimization of unwary land and home buyers;

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has programs to provide state and local financial assistance and whereas the availability of federal loans and mortgage insurance and land use planning programs are determining factors in the utilization of lands;

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin state government has extensive and continuing programs for the construction of buildings and other infrastructure, and provides financial assistance to local governmental units which significantly influence patterns of residential, commercial, and industrial development;

**WHEREAS**, the evaluation of flood hazard associated with state-owned or leased, state-insured, state-assisted, or state-regulated development and other facilities is an essential element of the State's floodplain management program; and

**WHEREAS**, the state is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program along with 570 Wisconsin communities, which are required to meet the Federal Minimum floodplain management standards outlined in 44 CFR 59-79 and strive for more resilient communities and infrastructure by practicing higher floodplain management standards established in NR 116.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, hereby order as follows:

1. All State Agencies engaged in any development within a Special Flood Hazard Area shall undertake such development in accordance with the following:
  - a. All development shall comply with all requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (44 C.F.R. 59-79) and with all requirements of Chapter NR 116 Wisconsin Administrative Code, whichever is most restrictive.
  - b. All development shall be guided by the current effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Insurance Studies or any independent flood studies that have been approved by the State and adopted by the local community, whichever is most restrictive.
  - c. In addition to the requirements set forth in preceding section a and b, the following additional requirements shall apply where applicable:
    - i. Grants or loans administered by State agencies for financing a development within Special Flood Hazard Areas shall inform participants in their programs of the existence and location of Special Flood Hazard Areas and of any NFIP and State floodplain requirements that are in effect in such areas.
    - ii. State agencies that are responsible for regulating or permitting a development within Special Flood Hazard Areas shall inform participants in their programs of the existence and location of special flood hazard areas and of any NFIP and State floodplain requirements that are in effect in such areas.
    - iii. State agencies that are engaged in planning programs or programs for the promotion of development shall inform participants in their programs of the existence and location of Special Flood Hazard Areas and of any NFIP and State floodplain requirements that are in effect in such areas.
    - iv. Department of Natural Resources Floodplain Management Program shall provide available flood hazard information to assist State agencies in complying with the established requirements.
2. State agencies shall establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Cooperative Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources within 1 year that creates the process agencies will follow that meet the established requirements for development in the floodplain as outlined in 44 C.F.R. 59-79 and Ch. NR 116.



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this second day of January in the year of two thousand twenty-five.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

*Sarah Godlewski*  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State