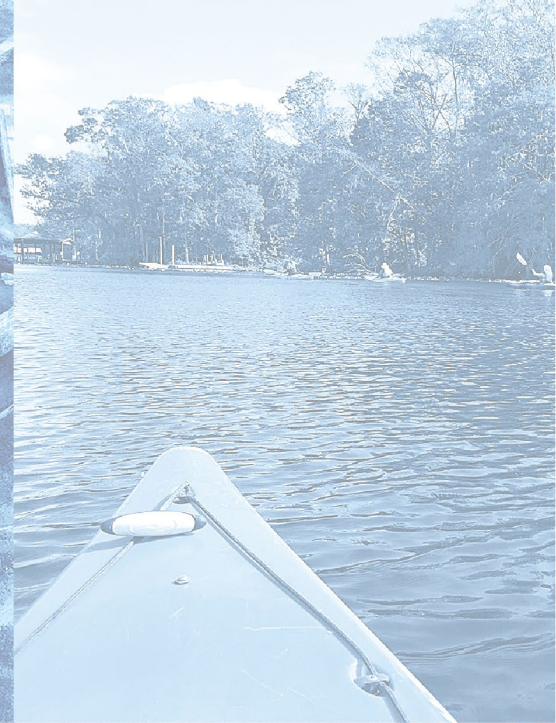




# Floodplain Management – Virtual Workshop for Homeowners

St. Johns County Floodplain Management  
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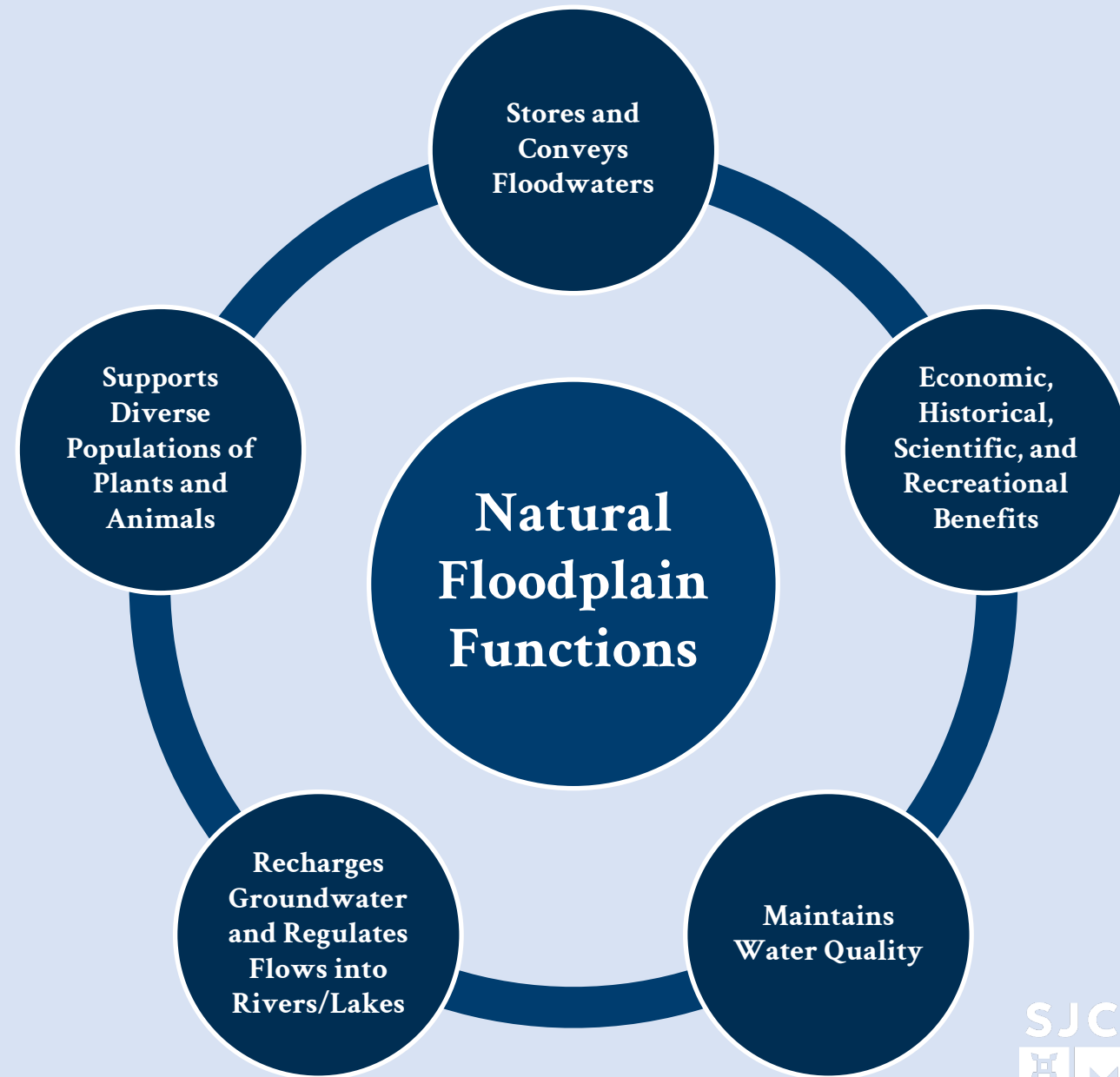
**OR Call 904-827-6800 (Option 6 for  
General Floodplain Management)**



# What is a floodplain and what are its functions?

## FEMA Definition:

A low-lying area along a river stream, or coast that is subject to flooding.





# Why do we manage the floodplain?

Altering the natural functions of the floodplain without regulation can:

1. Damage or destroy fish and wildlife breeding, nursery, and feeding grounds
2. Deprive downstream habitats of nutrients
3. Threaten endangered species
4. Negatively impact existing development / communities within the floodplain



# How is the floodplain managed nationally?

**FEMA**

## **NFIP**

**National Flood Insurance Program**

- National Flood Insurance Act of 1968
- Federally subsidized flood insurance!

## **CRS**

**Community Rating System**

- Reduce flood damage to insurable property;
- Strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP, and
- Encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management.

# KNOW YOUR FLOOD HAZARD

- Are you in a repetitively flooded area?
- Search our [Flood Zone Viewer](#) to see if your property is subject to flooding.
- Drive safely! Just 6 inches of flowing flood waters can knock you off your feet and 12 inches can float your car.



Never drive through flood waters

-  Most flood fatalities occur in vehicles
-  12 inches of water can sweep a car off the road



[weather.gov/flood](https://weather.gov/flood) 



[Clear](#)[Parcel ID: 145980 0000](#)

Flood Zone	%Area
X	100%
FIRM Panel(s):	12109C0308J
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# ST. JOHNS COUNTY INTERACTIVE FLOOD ZONE MAP

<https://www.gis.sjcfl.us/floodviewer/>

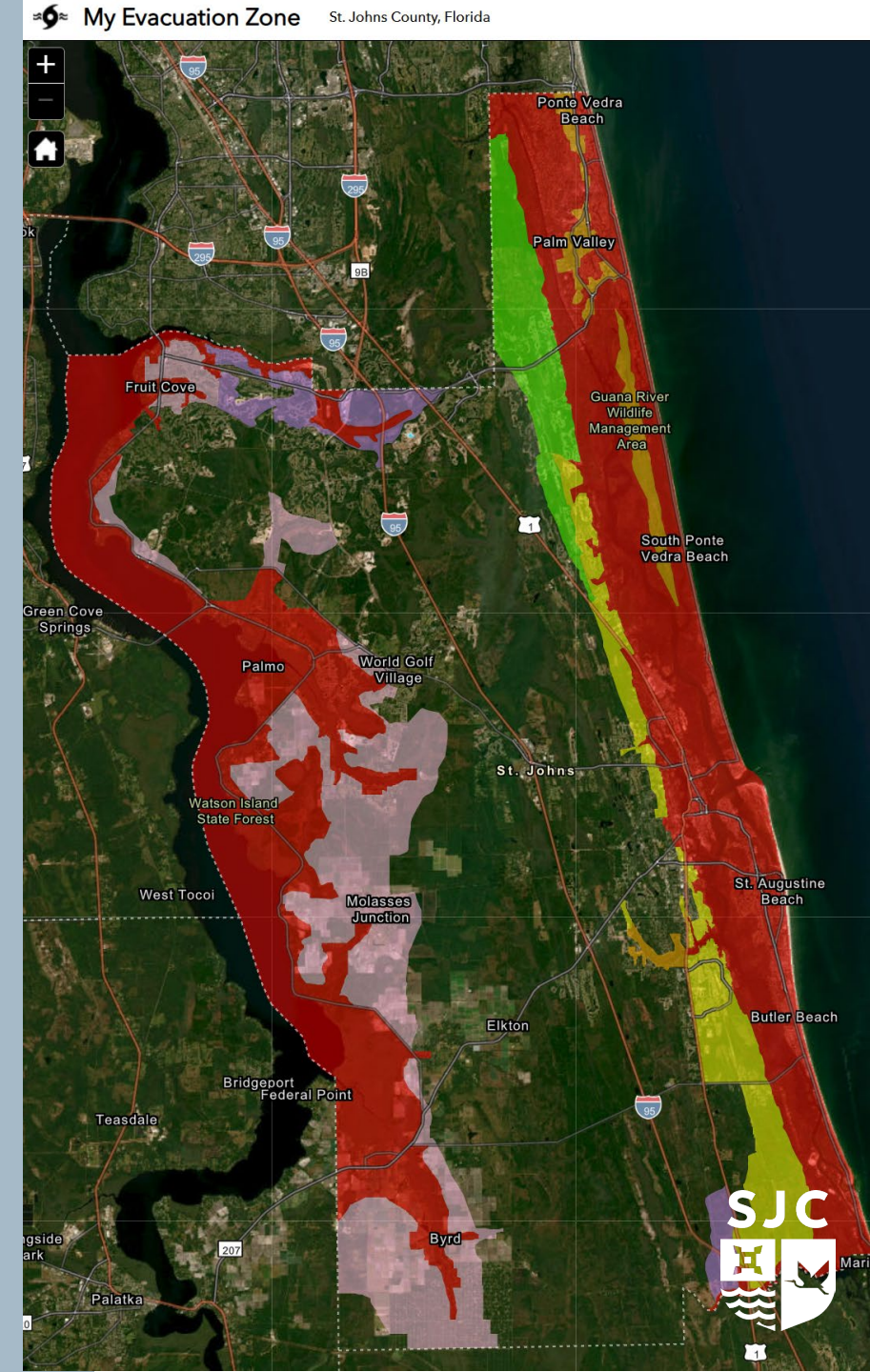


# Protect people from flood hazard

Know your  
evacuation zone and  
pay attention to  
orders to evacuate.  
Find your  
Evacuation Zone.

Designate a place  
where your family  
can meet after an  
evacuation order is  
issued.

Don't forget about  
your pets!  
Find a pet friendly  
evacuation shelter.





# Protect your property from flood hazard.

- Elevation of the existing structure above flood levels
- Raise electrical system components
- Anchor fuel tanks
- Construction of barriers

*Sandbags are effective against low-level flooding, and you can use them as:*

- Barricades
- Doorway Protection
- Window Protection



# BUILD RESPONSIBLY

Get a permit from St. Johns County  
before you build

Verify that your contractor is  
licensed

Obtain a release of liens from your  
contractor

Know your property's floodplain  
information

- [St Johns County Permitting](#)
- [Contractor Licensing](#)





# Insure your property for your flood hazard.

Since standard homeowners' insurance DOES NOT cover flooding, it's important to have protection from the floods associated with hurricanes, tropical storms, heavy rains and other conditions that impact St. Johns County.

Protect Yourself

Learn more about a National Flood Insurance (NFIP)

Policy at [floodsmart.gov](https://www.floodsmart.gov).



# St. Johns County Floodplain Management

**We are here for you,**

- **Planning for a changing world.**
- **Furthering our communities' resilience through the CRS program.**
- **Setting the framework for effective, lasting, and holistic floodplain management.**

## **Contact Us**

**For assistance call 904-827-6800  
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