



## FLOOD INFORMATION SERVICES PROVIDED

The Planning & Inspections Department provides flood information services upon request. The following services are available by calling the Department at 252-261-3552. Maps can be accessed on the Dare County website under GIS Maps ([www.dare.nc.com/](http://www.dare.nc.com/)) and the NC State Flood Map website ([fris.nc.gov/fris](http://fris.nc.gov/fris)).

- **BASIC FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP (FIRM) INFORMATION:** Digital maps are used to determine if properties are located within the Special Flood Hazard Areas. This information would include the Community Number, Panel Number and Suffix, FIRM Index Date, Base flood Elevations & Datum used. It should also be noted that the Town has a 1 ft. freeboard. Freeboard means the height added to the base flood elevation (BFE) to account for the many unknown factors that could contribute to flood heights greater than the height calculated. The base flood elevation plus the freeboard establishes the regulatory flood protection elevation.
- **PROBLEMS NOT SHOWN OF FIRMS:** Information is available on local drainage problems and areas affected.
- **FLOOD DEPTH DATA:** This information is accessed from a State Website that predicts flood depth based on the hazard area designation.
- **SPECIAL FLOOD-RELATED HAZARDS:** Coastal erosion and erosion rates are available as well as information on wetlands & the Coastal Reserve
- **HISTORICAL FLOOD INFORMATION:** Whether or when an area flooded in the past and if property is in the mapped repetitive loss area.
- **NATURAL/PROTECTED FLOODPLAIN AREAS:** Information can be provided if a property is located within or near a natural or protected floodplain area and the potential impact to the surrounding area.
- **ELEVATION CERTIFICATES/LETTER OF MAP AMENDMENTS/LETTER OF MAP REVISIONS:** Copies are available upon request or can be viewed at the Town Offices.