



Frequently Flooded Areas

What are they?

Frequently flooded areas include flood plains and areas prone to flooding. They may occur near streams, rivers, lakes, coasts, wetlands, or areas with high groundwater. Flood areas pose a risk to public safety.

Tacoma has a variety of flood hazard areas. Coastal flooding can occur during high tides and extreme weather. Areas of localized flooding can occur near streams and depressions, or areas with high ground water tables.

Why do we value them?



Frequently flooded areas help maintain fish and wildlife habitat



Natural flood plains help to disperse and store water during storms and peak flows.





How do we protect them?

- Restrict development in mapped floodplains.
- Comply with adopted stormwater standards and best management practices.
- Assessments to ensure that development in flood areas does not adversely affect habitat.

What changes are needed?

- Review requirements for consistency with building codes (TMC Title 2)
- Confirm and review requirements for habitat assessments

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