STEPS TO BUILDING IN A FLOODPLAIN WITHOUT HAVING TO PAY FLOOD INSURANCE

Some of the most attractive Building Sites are below the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) of 380. By taking the steps outlined below, you will remove your Home Site from the Floodplain.

- Step 1 Plan and Design: After your house plans are drawn and you have chosen the site location you prefer, hire a Local Survey Engineer to draw Your Site Plan showing the exact location of the proposed building. Your Site Plan should also show that the finished 1st floor level of the Your Home will be at least 2 feet above the BFE of 380. The easiest way to raise the 1st floor elevation is to build a taller crawl space. Instead of a standard 3 block crawl space your Builder might use a much taller crawl space, then cover the extra block height by moving dirt and creating a gentle slope to your home. Having 5 acres will make this easy to do.
- Step 2 **Get a Building Permit:** Either yourself or your Licensed Builder will take your House Plans and Site Plan to the Vanderburgh County Building Commission to get a Building Permit. When you start your home construction a Building Inspector will inspect every phase of construction. When you are finished with construction your Survey Engineer will need to reinspect the building site to certify that the finished product is at least 2 feet above the BFE of 380.
- Step 3 Remove Home Site from Flood Plain: Have Your Survey Engineer make an application to FEMA for a Letter of Map Amendment that will remove your Home Site from their Floodplain Map. When you get this letter back from FEMA, show it to your Lender and you will no longer be required to have Flood Insurance. Note: If you have a Construction Loan most Lenders will require you to carry Flood Insurance until the project is completed and the FEMA Letter of Map Amendment is obtained. Cost: In the past few years we have used both Moley and Associates and Cash Wagner as Survey Engineers to remove property from the Flood Plain at a cost of \$1200. To \$1700.

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To help you determine approximately how tall your crawl space will need to be at the Home Site you like Best, we have placed White Markers at various locations showing the elevation of that spot.

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