

## Why does the District regulate development in floodways?

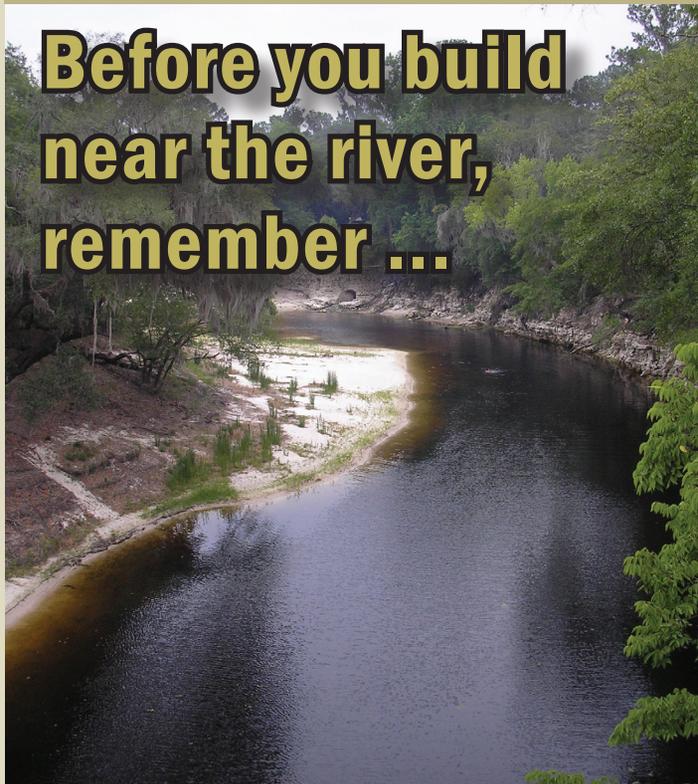
- To protect natural resources
- To allow for free flow of floodwaters
- To prevent extensive erosion during floods

## How does it benefit property owners?

- It saves money
- It reduces insurance premiums
- It protects property from flood damage
- It prevents flood-related injury

This information is intended to familiarize property owners, prospective property owners, real estate agents and local governments with District Floodway Development regulations and permits concerning the development of lands in the vicinity of the Alapaha, Aucilla, Santa Fe, Suwannee or Withlacoochee rivers. This brochure summarizes some, but not all, the information contained in chapter 40B-4, Florida Administrative Code.

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**Before you build  
near the river,  
remember ...**



**... you might  
need a permit**

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The Suwannee River Water Management District has permitting requirements for development on certain river property.

### Who is affected?

Those who own or control property that is located in a floodway on or near the Alapaha, Aucilla, Santa Fe, Suwannee or Withlacoochee rivers.

### How do I know if my property is in a floodway?

The general locations of floodways are shown on the District's website: [www.mysuwanneeriver.com](http://www.mysuwanneeriver.com). Click on Resource Management, then on Floodplain Information. However, please call the District with your parcel information for verification.

### What types of development require a permit?

The construction or installation of houses, docks, storage sheds, driveways, buildings, water wells, boat ramps and seawalls are a few examples of development projects that require a permit. Other improvements such as digging, land clearing, land developing and vegetation clearing may also need a permit.

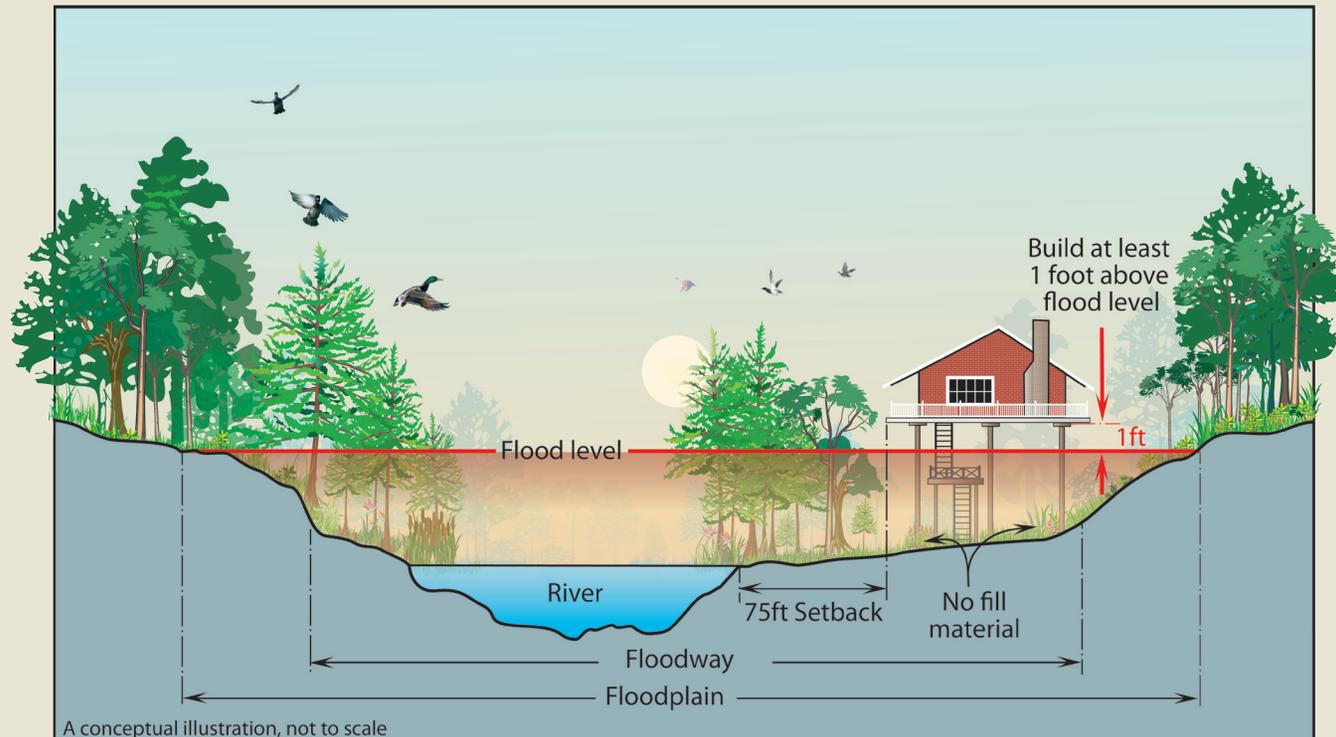
### How can I get more information?

Call the District at 386.362.1001 or 800.226.1066 (FL only) and ask about District Floodway Development permits.

### CAUTION!

- No two flood events are the same.
- Floods can happen even when it has not rained in an area.
- Floods can happen quickly with little warning.

## What is a floodway?



**A** floodway is a river channel and a portion of its adjacent floodplain needed to allow the unobstructed flow of floodwaters. Those who build in a floodway must meet the 75 foot setback requirement for development and land clearing and must build at least 1 foot above the flood level. Fill material is not allowed in a floodway.