

## **City of Tuscaloosa Flood Map Information Service**

The City of Tuscaloosa is an active participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS rewards communities that go beyond the minimum NFIP floodplain management requirements to lessen or eliminate flood exposure. One way communities benefit from CRS participation is through lower flood insurance premiums. Since May 2017, the City of Tuscaloosa has had a Class 8 Rating, which awards residents in the City with a 10 percent discount on flood insurance premiums.

The City of Tuscaloosa encourages residents to get familiar with the NFIP and with the city's areas at risk of flooding. We are available to assist residents with the following information:

- Whether a property is located within a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) mapped flood zone.
- Flood insurance rating information such as FEMA flood zone, flood map panel number, and regulatory Base Flood Elevation (BFE).
- FEMA Elevation Certificate, if available. The FEMA Elevation Certificate is an essential tool used to accurately rate flood insurance policies.
- Information on FEMA's mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements.
- Regulatory provisions pertaining to flood protection that may apply to the property in question.
- If the information is available, whether the property has ever suffered any flood damage.
- Information about areas that should be protected because of their natural floodplain functions.

Information can be found by visiting <a href="www.tuscaloosa.com/floodplains">www.tuscaloosa.com/floodplains</a>, dialing 311 within city limits (or 205-248-5311), or by contacting the Office of the City Engineer by phone at 205-248-5380.

