



## **Floodplain Information**

This is our annual reminder to everyone that portions of the city are within the floodplain. Most all properties east of Ray Street are within the 100-year Beaver Creek floodplain. In the past, serious floods occurred in 1935, 1955, and 1965.

To alleviate flooding, Brush has a drainage system consisting of curb & gutter, swales, ditches, and piping which carry storm water to contained areas. Maintenance is extremely important and Citizens are expected to help maintain ditches located in the right-of-way adjacent to their properties. City Code prohibits the accumulation of garbage and debris within a natural drainage system. The City of Brush Community Development can provide flood protection information including making site visits to discuss local flooding problems.

The City is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program. Please be aware standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. Should you decide to purchase flood insurance there is a 30-day waiting period before your policy becomes effective. Your own insurance agent can assist you in purchasing flood insurance.

All new or substantially improved development in the floodplain requires a permit. Permits may be obtained in the City's building department. The floodplain regulations govern such things as elevation, location of electrical boxes, furnaces, water heaters, etc. within a floodplain.

Floodplain maps are available at City Hall to help determine whether you live or own property within the designated floodplain area. You may also find copies of elevation certificates for some properties.

Finally should a flood occur, please tune to any local radio station for up-to-date weather information from NOAA and for evacuation procedures. You should avoid rapidly flowing water and low lying areas. Check to make sure your gas and electrical appliances have been shut off and protect your personal property as much as possible.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please call Karen at City Hall at 842-5001.