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MESSAGE FROM MAYOR TOM ANDES

Dear Township Residents:

2024 was a year of challenges, accomplishments, and preparations. During the past eleven years, the Township has worked with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("USACE") and the State of New Jersey to bring meaningful flood mitigation to our community. The USACE identified 38 properties located in flood prone areas of our community that will be eligible for a combined $19 million in State and Federal funds to raise or flood proof their properties. This process has been a test of patience and persistence, but we anticipate meetings in early-2025 to finalize the details with the eligible property owners. To help facilitate the elevating of homes, the Town Council passed an ordinance that I signed into law. The ordinance eliminates the need for property owners to seek approvals from the local land use board if they are simply seeking to raise their existing home out of the flood plain.

As for the downtown streetscape project, tenacity pays off! After years of unsuccessful grant applications, the Township was awarded $500,000 from the NJ Department of Transportation to complete the streetscape on Bloomfield Avenue. The public bidding process is complete and a contract has been awarded with an anticipated start in Spring 2025.

The Township was also successful in our application, through Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill, for a direct Federal appropriation to renovate the historic 2-room schoolhouse, at 501 Openaki Road. We were awarded a $1 million grant to restore the outside of the building, to provide a visual appearance of roughly what the schoolhouse originally looked like, and to modernize the interior to create additional public meeting space for Library and Township programs, along with community meetings and events. The building was originally a school from 1908 to 1957, before being turned into the Board of Education Offices. In 1913, town meetings were held at the school before a referendum was held to separate Union Hill and Denville from Rockaway Township. We are currently working through the Federal requirements before we can go out to bid and construction can begin. This will likely occur in late-2025 or early-2026.



The new turf field, at Veterans Memorial Field, is finished and is being used by our youth sport programs. We have installed a set of new flag poles at Veterans Memorial Field to honor our Country as well as active and veteran members of each branch of our military. We have also secured a State grant of $70,000 to replace and install the

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playground at Den Brook Park. The Township continues to expand its local trail network with construction completed on Phase I of the Knuth Walking Path, which will eventually create a ¾ mile hiking path around Knuth Fields. Our Phase II grant application for $304,000 was just approved, by the Morris County Parks Commission, to complete the Knuth Walking Path, which we anticipate being finished in 2025.

We have submitted a joint application with Rockaway Borough and were awarded $475,000, to install a sidewalk on Franklin Avenue from Route 46 in Rockaway to the existing sidewalk in Denville, at the entrance of Morris Knolls High School. This is an important pedestrian safety project as so many of the Morris Knolls students walk from the high school to the food establishments on Route 46, at lunch or after school.

The Township has begun to collect revenue from the Tree Replacement Ordinance, that went into effect last year. This ordinance requires developers to replace a certain percentage of trees that have been removed. If tree replacement is not possible, they can pay into a dedicated tree fund or replace trees on Township property. The ordinance allows the fund to purchase new trees, maintain healthy trees, removal of dead or fallen trees, (including those that have fallen into our rivers), and the purchase of tree maintenance equipment. Additionally, the fund may be used for the purchase and preservation of open space. This fall, 77 trees were purchased and planted across our parks, which contributes to the preservation of the natural environment.

The Township is actively pursuing the former Saint Francis property on Diamond Spring Road which is now owned by Springpoint. We are currently in negotiations with the property owners discussing a potential sale price. We are reviewing all available grant funding opportunities to assist with the purchase. We were recently informed that unfortunately, our 2024 application to the Morris County Open Space and Farmland Preservation Trust program, which we all pay into as part of our property taxes, was not funded. We are in the midst of negotiations and will reapply next year, while searching for other finance possibilities.

There are 14 streets that have galvanized steel water mains that are required by the State of New Jersey to be replaced before 2031. A contract has been awarded for the replacement of the galvanized street water main on Lakewood Drive, which had been riddled with water main breaks due to its fragility. The Township is preparing an application for funding to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, which provides reduced interest loans to municipalities to upgrade its water and sewer infrastructure.

After having completed the 3rd round of State-mandated affordable housing for the period of 2015-2025, we are now focused on the 4th round obligation for the period of 2025 - 2035. After reviewing all the fine print of the new 4th round affordable housing legislation, the formula utilized to calculate the municipal obligations were inherently unfair to municipalities such as Denville. The Town Council and I decided to join a bipartisan group of municipalities who were willing to take legal action. The crux of the argument is that the State identified 62 Qualified Urban Aid Municipalities (QUAMs) that are exempt from being assigned an affordable housing obligation. However, the formula used to determine Denville's and other municipality's 4th round obligation is significantly inflated, as the obligation which should be assigned to the QUAMs, is not eliminated but instead spread out among the non-QUAM municipalities. Please see the Affordable Housing article for more information.

The 2024 approved Municipal Budget authorized no borrowing of money or accumulation of new debt. From our review of historic budgets in Denville, this is the first time in 100 years that our municipal budget has no debt authorization. Denville's general fund is on track to potentially be "debt free" by the end of the decade, once we pay off the two existing permanent bonds.

I would like to thank former Councilwoman Angie Coté for her service to our community and welcome recently appointed Councilman At Large, Mark Venis. On behalf of the Town Council and our staff, I wish you all the very best this holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Best regards,

Thomas W. Andes



ATTENTION DENVILLE SENIORS!

All Denville residents 55 years or older, are welcome to join the Denville Seniors for a variety of fun activities, including Bingo, games, trips, parties, shows and opportunities to form friendships. The Senior Center is located across from the Acme at 276 East Main Street and offers 3 great groups in 1 club:

· Men's Group: Tuesdays · Women's Group: Wednesdays · Co-Ed Group: Fridays

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO JOIN, CALL DENVILLE SOCIAL SERVICES AT 973-625-8300 EXT. 269.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE

Despite vigorous opposition from Denville and many other suburban municipalities across the State of New Jersey, the Governor signed into Law A-4/S-50 that established formulas and procedures for the 4th Round of NJ Affordable Housing numbers. After a careful review of the legislation, Denville Township joined a consortium of other municipalities, spearheaded by Montvale Borough, who have filed a lawsuit against the State of New Jersey for the unfair manner in which the obligations are distributed. Specifically, although data is used from 62 Qualified Urban Aid Municipalities ("QUAM"), which greatly increased the overall 4th round affordable housing numbers being sought by the State, these QUAM Municipalities were specifically exempted from receiving any portion of the affordable housing allocation and their units were distributed to the non-QUAM municipalities, including Denville. The lawsuit has asked for the implementation of the 4th round be paused until the lawsuit is fully adjudicated. It is unclear whether the court will pause the 4th round until this matter is decided or not.

On October 18, 2024, the State of New Jersey released the State-wide Affordable Housing Methodology and Calculations. A total of 9,320 new affordable units were assigned to Morris County municipalities of which 485 new affordable units were assigned to Denville, based upon the statutory formula of the State of New Jersey. The absurdity of the State formula is such that even if Denville was theoretically determined to have no vacant, developable property, the Township would still have a 4th round affordable housing obligation of 211 units, which is higher than our 3rd round affordable housing obligation of 196 affordable units.

Unfortunately, as stated herein, even if we could theoretically demonstrate we had no developable property in Denville, the other factors in the formula would still require the Township to accommodate more than 200 new affordable units.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that misinformation has been disseminated that if the Township became a conforming municipality with the NJ Highlands Council, it would eliminate or greatly reduce the number of affordable units assigned to Denville. It should be noted that large portions of Denville are located in the Highlands "Community Development Zone," which is specifically where the Highlands Council is encouraging new development and redevelopment. Furthermore, conforming to the Highlands Master Plan might limit our ability to encourage development on some sites in lieu of other sites we find more objectionable. And, of the 5 Highlands Plan conforming municipalities in Morris County, each received a significant affordable housing obligation in the 4th round, including Parsippany-Troy Hills, who have an obligation of 553 new affordable units, Rockaway Township who have an obligation of 435 new affordable units and even Chester Borough, which is only 1.59 square miles (less than 10% of Denville's land area) were assigned an obligation of 72 new affordable units.

As the process proceeds forward, we will provide updated information on the Township website under the Affordable Housing link on the homepage. As we did in the 3rd round, the Township and its professionals, through the pending lawsuit and other available means, will do everything within reason to keep its 4th round obligation as low as practicably possible. However, as in the last round, the Township will do so in a responsible manner in order to always maintain our immunity to builders' remedy lawsuits, which if lost due to our non-compliance would eliminate all local oversight of construction and development in Denville.

You may inquire about Market Rate or the affordable units at each development's construction office or you can learn more about affordable opportunities in our area by calling (609) 664-2769 ext. 5 or www.affordablehomesnewjersey.com

ANIMAL LICENSING

The Township of Denville offers both one (1) and three (3) year pet licensing. Applications for new pets can be found at www.denvillenj.gov in the Health Department section. If your pets are currently licensed, renewal applications will be mailed out in December for dogs and May for cats. A few items to keep in mind when making the decision about applying for a one (1) or three (3) year license are:

- In accordance with New Jersey State Law, your pet's rabies vaccine must be valid through ten (10) months of the last year in the licensing period, as follows:
- To be eligible for a three (3) year dog license for 2025 - 2027, your dog's rabies vaccine must not expire prior to November 1, 2027.
- To be eligible for a one (1) year dog license for 2025, your dog's rabies vaccine must not expire prior to November 1, 2025.
- To be eligible for a three (3) year cat license for 2025 - 2028, your cat's rabies vaccine must not expire prior to April 1, 2028.
- To be eligible for a one (1) year cat license for 2025 - 2026, your cat's rabies vaccine must not expire prior to April 1, 2026.
- A one (1) year license will cost $18 per altered pet and $21 per unaltered pet.
- A three (3) year license will cost $45 per altered pet and $54 per unaltered pet.
- A pet that has a medical exemption for a rabies vaccine is only eligible for a one (1) year license.



Dog licenses expire on December 31st. Cat licenses expire on May 31st.



PROPERTY TAX DEDUCTIONS

Please contact the Tax Assessor for Applications.

Veterans/Surviving Spouses of Veterans - An individual who served active duty in the US Armed Forces with an honorable discharge may qualify for the Property Tax Deduction of $250/year.

Senior Citizen Deduction – An individual must be 65 years of age or older and combined spousal income cannot exceed $10,000/year (Social Security or Government Pension excluded from income limits) to qualify for the Property Tax Deduction of $250/year (Please Note: If Government pension is excluded from the income limits listed above, then all of the Social Security income shall apply towards the $10,000 limit).

Disabled Property Tax Deduction – Property Owner must be 100% totally and permanently disabled as declared by medical/social security documentation. The income requirements are the same as the Senior Citizen deduction. There are no minimum age requirements and the Property Tax Deduction is $250/year.



CURBSIDE PICK-UP OF LEAVES & BRUSH

The Denville Department of Public Works (DPW) performs leaf & brush collection throughout the Township in accordance with the following schedule:

- **April 15th - June 15th:** Leaf and Brush pick-up Township-wide ***(leaves & brush must be separated)**
- **June 16th - September 15th:** No Curbside Collection. Leaves/Brush accepted at the Denville Recycling Center ***(leaves & brush must be separated)**
- **September 16th** - **December 31st**: Leaf and Brush pick-up Township-wide ***(leaves & brush must be separated)**

**Please note: leaf and brush are picked up individually and may not be on the same day or schedule. Once separated, all materials for pick up should remain curbside. If you have any questions regarding the leaf and brush pick-up schedule, please contact the Denville Department of Public Works at (973) 625-8334.*

SNOW REMOVAL IS A TEAM EFFORT

It is the mission of the Department of Public Works to clear Denville's roads of snow and ice as quickly as possible. We have a dedicated workforce as well as state-of-the art equipment. Depending on the severity and composition of a storm, there may be delays in clearing some roads. Our initial objective is to open all roads beginning with our primary arteries and proceeding to our secondary and tertiary roads. Once all roads are open, the Township begins the process of widening the cleared roads to their full width and clearing intersections, which typically takes up to 4 hours after the final snowflake has fallen. It is during this process that we are likely to plow snow back across the driveway you just cleared. Please understand that we have no alternative. We need your cooperation to ensure the roads are rapidly returned to a safe condition.

- ***Denville Township Municipal Code §500-8*** "All persons are **PROHIBITED** from shoveling, throwing, casting, placing, plowing, or depositing snow and ice, which accumulates on private property, upon sidewalks or streets of the Township. Furthermore, sidewalks must be cleared by the property owner within 12 hours from the end of snow fall."
- ***Denville Township Municipal Code §550-10*** prohibits parking on streets that are snow covered until the "roads have been plowed sufficiently and to the extent parking will not interfere with normal traffic flow."

FIRE DEPARTMENT & FIRST AID The Denville Volunteer Fire Department needs your help!

Are you 16 or older, or a young retiree with time to spare? Have you ever wanted to make a difference and help others in our community? If so, the Denville Volunteer Fire Department and First Aid Squad is for you! We are 100% volunteer and always eager to welcome new members. All training and equipment is provided. Come visit us any Monday night after 7:30PM at the Main Street Fire Station, located at 2 Indian Road. Come talk to our dedicated volunteers and see how you can get involved. Any questions, please email us at *denvillefdrecruitment@gmail.com.*

Please help the fire department this winter by shoveling snow. Keep snow and ice cleared at least 3 feet from hydrants. In the event of a fire, firefighters need quick access to hydrants to protect lives and property. Your effort can make a big difference in an emergency!



CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT PERMIT PROCESS

Exciting updates to the Construction Department!

As we move towards launching our new Construction Portal, we have implemented the following changes:

OUR PERMIT DATABASE IS NOW ONLINE

Looking for open or closed construction permits, or file an OPRA request? You can now easily search through our permit database by business name, owner name, address, and/or contractor. Permits from the year 2000 through the present are now immediately accessible online through the Construction permit database.

To access the database, please visit our website at denvillenj.org and navigate to the Construction and Zoning Department. It will bring you to the direct link for our online portal.

Note: You must create an account before making your inquiry.

ALL INSPECTION REQUESTS MUST NOW BE IN WRITING. For all inspection requests, please email us directly at: ***inspections@denvillenj.org*** and include the following:

- Property address
- Permit number
- Name, address and contact phone number
- A confirmation email from the Building Department Staff

Please note: the request will only be added to the schedule once a confirmation is received. ***If you do not receive confirmation, your request has not yet been scheduled.***

NO ACCESS TO EMAIL?

If you don't have email access, a Construction Permit Inspection Request form can be found in the Form Center on our website at denvillenj.org or at the Construction Department between 8:00am-4:00pm, to fill out a request in person.



MINOR PROJECTS - Projects that do not require prior approval from the Zoning Board of Adjustment or Planning Board but still may require permits (such as: kitchens, baths, basements, home generators, etc.).

MAJOR PROJECTS - Many larger projects require prior approval by either the Zoning Board of Adjustment or Planning Board (new construction, additions, rebuilds, garages, accessory structures, decks, swimming pools, etc.).

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE ASK. WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU.

2025 Township of Denville Weekly Recycling Schedule

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Corrugated Recycling (Paper, Cardboard, etc.)

Commingled Recycling (Cans, Plastic, Glass, etc.)

Holidays (No Collection)

Jan 1: New Year's Day
July 4: Independence Day
Nov 27: Thanksgiving Day
May 26: Memorial Day
Sept 1: Labor Day
Dec 25: Christmas Day

SOLUTIONS TO STORMWATER POLLUTION

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for a Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it, and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that is why we are all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.



As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

Do Not Feed Wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wildlife feeding in this area.

Limit Your Use of Fertilizers and Pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.
- Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

Properly Use and Dispose of Hazardous Products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.
- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.

Dispose of Yard Waste Properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



Do Not Litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

Keep Pollution Out of Storm Drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.



Clean Up After Your Pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.
- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. Remember to:
  - Use newspapers, bags, or pooper-scoopers to pick up waste.
  - Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
  - Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

Contact Information

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit www.njstormwater.org.

Additional information is also available at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Websites - www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater or www.epa.gov/nps

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water Quality Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program (609) 633-7021.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH FLOOD PROTECTION INFORMATION

Local Flood Hazards *Are You Protected?*

Flooding is the number one natural disaster in the United States, causing the most property damage and killing the most people. That's why the Township of Denville works all year long to protect you, your family, and your neighborhood from the devastating effects of flooding. With the Rockaway River, Den Brook and Meadow Brook along with many private lakes and detention basins, the Township works to constantly improve flood protection for our residents and businesses. While major milestones have been achieved, the risk of flooding will never be completely eliminated. Just because your property has not flooded in the past, does not mean it will not flood in the future. Mother Nature is difficult to predict. The best protection is being prepared. This newsletter will offer some helpful tips on how to protect yourself, your property and your belongings from floods.

What is Your Flood Risk? *Check It Out!*

Visit our website at: ***www.denvillenj.gov*** to find out if your property is in a regulated floodplain or inquire with a licensed surveyor to obtain an elevation certificate.

How to Protect Yourself? *Flood Safety Checklist*

For evacuation, designated shelters, sandbag locations and other important emergency information visit our website at: ***www.denvillenj.gov*** and www.denvillepolice.gov. Subscribe to Nixle.com for text message emergency alerts and notices by texting 07834 to 888-777.

Never walk or drive through flooded areas; more people die in their vehicles during a flood than anywhere else.
Stay away from power and electrical lines; electrocution is the second most-frequent cause of death during flooding.
Look where you are walking. Watch out for animals, especially snakes.
Prepare an emergency kit that includes a flashlight, battery-operated radio, extra batteries, candles, matches, first-aid kit, medication, blankets, water and food. Visit www.ready.gov or www.redcross.org.
Keep important documents and priceless possessions on an upper level or highest point in your home.
Prepare an Evacuation Plan and make a list of items to take with you and also have a plan for your pets.
Know how to shut off your gas and electricity if instructed to do so. Contact your local utility company for detailed instructions.
Pick a safe place on high ground where your family can meet and have a telephone call-in number in case you are separated.

Buy Flood Insurance *Protect Yourself*

Did you know that if you live in a floodplain, there is at least a 1 in 4 chance of flooding over the life of a 30 year mortgage?
25% of all flood claims arise outside of floodplains in low to moderate risk flood zones.
Most standard homeowner and business owner insurance policies do not cover flood damage.
Flood insurance is available in the Township of Denville to building owners and renters through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

Maximum Coverage Available

Coverage	Residential	Commercial
Building	$250,000	$500,000
Contents	$100,000	$500,000

Don't wait to buy coverage. Typically, there is a 30 day waiting period for voluntarily purchased flood policies to be effective.

The Township of Denville has earned a Class 7 in the NFIP's Community Rating System. This means that owners of properties in the floodplain can get a 15% reduction on their flood insurance premiums. Ask your insurance agent about the Community Rating System ("CRS"). For more information on purchasing flood insurance see your local insurance agent or visit: **www.floodsmart.gov** (1-888-435-6637).

Property Protection *Measures You Can Take*

There are many ways you can protect your home, garage or other property from the types of flood damage experienced in your community. Different techniques are appropriate for different types of buildings.

If your building is on a crawlspace, look into barriers, wet flood-proofing and elevation.
If your building is on a slab foundation, check out barriers, dry flood-proofing and elevation.
If you have a basement, split level, or other floor below ground level, learn about barriers, wet flood-proofing and basement protection.
Elevate or relocate electrical panel boxes, furnaces, water heaters, and appliances to areas less likely to flood.
Protect your valuables by moving them to a second story or higher ground.
Important documents and irreplaceable objects should be placed where they will not get damaged.
Order the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Free Homeowner Guide to Retrofitting: Six Ways to Protect Your House from Flooding and Protecting Building Utilities from Flood Damage: 1-800-480-2520.

What are the Natural and Beneficial Uses of Floodplains?

Floodplains and wetlands provide recreational value along with habitats for fish, wildlife and plants. They also provide ground water recharge and water quality maintenance by acting as natural filters for storm water runoff. Floodplains and wetlands form a complex, dynamic, physical and biological system that support a variety of natural resources and societal functions.

Floodplains should be viewed in their natural context. They are more than just hazardous locations for human development. Plants growing in wetlands filter storm water runoff and make the water cleaner for those living downstream. Local open space, such as Muriel Hepner Park, with its preserved woodlands and wetlands also serve the function of filtering storm water runoff. Furthermore, these wetland areas are used by a variety of wildlife and provide habitats for various species.

Federal, State and local regulations serve to protect and preserve such natural areas and wetlands. While some development is permissible, any wetlands filled as part of development are required to be compensated for by creation of additional or improved wetland habitats nearby.

The storm drain system carries untreated storm water runoff directly to our streams. Pouring wastes into storm drains directly impacts our environment. Oil, anti-freeze, paint, fertilizer and pesticides pollute the water, destroy plants, and endanger wildlife. For example, one quart of oil can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water. The oil from one motor oil change can create an eight acre oil slick. Therefore, you should do your part to help keep our streams and storm drains free of pollutants. Storm drain inlets that lead to local rivers and streams are embossed with a reminder.

FLOODPLAIN PERMITS REQUIRED

Any development (not just building construction) in the floodplain requires a permit. This includes grading, cut and fill, installation of riprap and other bank stabilization techniques. Always check with the local Construction Department to see if a permit is required before you build on, fill, alter or re-grade your property.

To minimize damage to structures during flood events, the Township requires all new construction in the floodplain to be protected from flood damage. Development projects in the floodway must be reviewed to ensure that they do not divert water or serve to exacerbate local flooding.

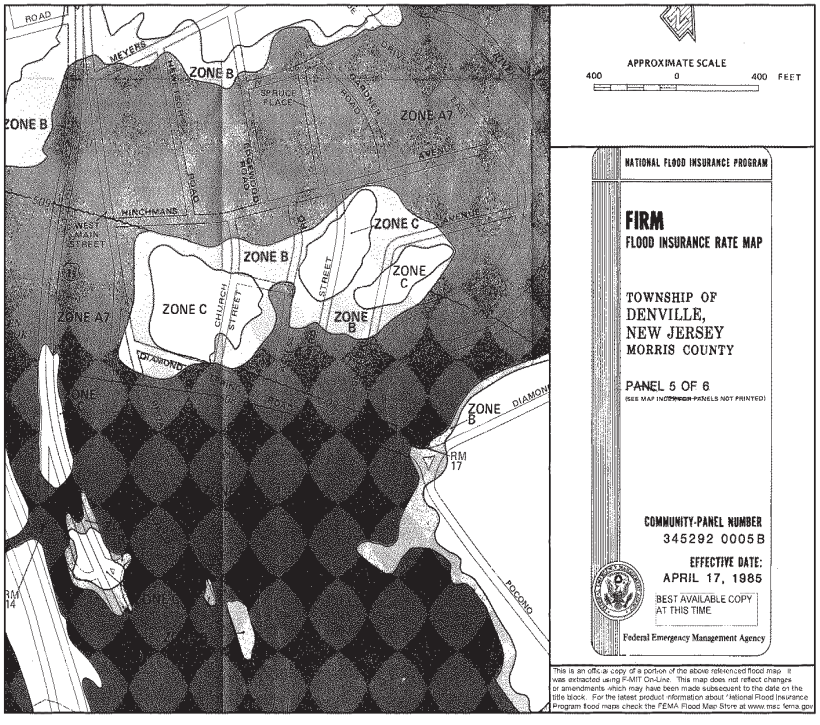
What Happens if my Home or Building is Damaged or Substantially Improved? Substantially damaged or improved buildings must meet the same floodplain management construction requirements as new buildings. The Township defines substantial improvement as any reconstruction, rehabilitation, or addition to an existing structure, the cost of which exceeds 50% of the structure's market value prior to the improvement. Substantial damage is defined as damage of any origin sustained by a building whereby the cost of restoring the building to its before-damaged condition would equal or exceed 50% of the market value of the building before the damage occurred.

A building that is substantially damaged or substantially improved must meet the same construction standards as a new building in the floodplain and protected from flooding. In the case of an addition, only the addition must meet floodplain management construction requirements. In the case of an improvement to the original building, the entire building must meet these requirements.

For example, if a house in the floodplain is flooded, has a fire or is otherwise damaged so that the cost of repairs is more than 50% of the value of the building before the damage, then the house must be elevated above the base flood level in accordance with State and local regulations.

Importance of Storm Drain Maintenance -*The Water Could End Up on Your Property*
Although Denville Township's Department of Public Works regularly cleans and maintains storm drain inlets and basin throughout the municipality, property owners are encouraged to do their part as well. Dumping debris into storm drains creates problems for everyone. Such dumping not only results in an expense to taxpayers, but also can restrict water flow and create a flood hazard on your property.

Keep trash, branches and grass clippings away from creeks, levees, channels, basins, streams, ditches, gutters and storm drain inlets. A blockage can back up water onto your property. Never fill, excavate, landscape, plant, irrigate, modify or place any improvement on any levee or flood control easement without permits from the appropriate local, state, and federal agencies.



CRS:7

In 2020 the Township of Denville was re-certified as a CRS (Community Rating System) rating of 7 by the National Flood Insurance Program and FEMA for the measures we have taken to protect our Township from future flood events. A rating of 7 will entitle our residents within the floodplain to a 15% reduction on their flood insurance premiums. Thank you to all of the volunteers, staff, professionals and elected officials for all of the hard work that achieved such an elite rating.

National Flood Insurance Program

Flood Hazard Mapping

Through its Flood Hazard Mapping Program, FEMA identifies flood hazards, assesses flood risks, and partners with States and communities to provide accurate flood hazard and risk data to guide them to mitigation actions. Flood Hazard Mapping is an important part of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), as it is the basis of the NFIP regulations and flood insurance requirements. FEMA maintains and updates data through Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and risk assessments. For questions related to FEMA FIRM maps, contact the Township Engineer at engineer@denvillenj.org. You can also visit the Engineering Department at 1 St. Mary's Place to see if you are in a mapped floodplain area such as the Special Flood Hazard Area or Floodway. If so, the Engineering Department can give you more information, such as the FIRM zone, base flood elevations, past flood problems in the area, problems not shown on the FIRM map, and information on Elevation Certificates. A meeting can be set up to provide inquirers with information about flood hazards flood protection measures, and/or possible financial assistance that is available. Please be advised, that even if you are not in a floodplain, there still may be some risk of flooding. In order to make a flood map request, or request a one-on-one flood protection assistance meeting, please call 973.625.8300 x246, send an email with your request from our website:

http://www.denvillenj.org/departments_flood_information
or send an email directly to engineer@denvillenj.org, or visit 1 St. Mary's Place. Flood maps and flood protection references are available at the Township Public Library.

DOWNTOWN PARKING MAP

TOWNSHIP OF DENVILLE, MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY



PARKING RATES

DAILY - $2.00
MONTHLY - $30.00

GENERAL

(MT TABOR, WEST MAIN ST, & BLOOMFIELD AVE)
ANNUAL - $200.00
SEMI-ANNUAL - $100.00
(6-MONTHS)

FIRST AVENUE LOT

ANNUAL - $250.00

REPLACEMENT OF LOST PERMIT - $50.00

DOES YOUR HOME NEED REPAIRS?

The Township of Denville invites you to apply to Denville's

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

You can receive up to **$22,000** in repairs!

If you live in Denville, own your home, and your total gross annual household income falls below the income limit for your household size, you may qualify to participate in the program.

- ☑ There is **no cost to apply** and it does not affect your credit score.
- ☑ Funds are provided as a **no interest** (0%) ten-year **forgivable loan.**
- ☑ There is **no monthly payment.**
- ☑ A **professional inspector** oversees the process.

(income limits updated annually)

ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDS INCLUDE

- *Roofs*
- *Foundations*
- *Heating*
- *Electrical*
- *Windows*
- *Insulation*
- *Plumbing*
- *and more!*

Household size	1	2	3	4
Maximum Income	$72,473	$82,826	$93,180	$103,533
Household size	5	6	7	8
Maximum Income	$111,816	$120,098	$128,381	$136,663

This program is sponsored by the Township of Denville

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED
TAKE THE FIRST STEP!

www.hip.cgph.net

Scan the QR Code & easily submit your preliminary application online!

If you have additional questions, or if you do not have internet access call the Program Representative at (609) 664-2769 ext. 9.
Funding also available for rental properties - Landlords to call for terms.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

Sign up for NIXLE:
DENVILLE'S EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

To receive important public safety, road closure, and other useful community information from Denville Township:

Text 07834 to 888777 or register online at https://local.nixle.com/register or download the Everbridge Mobile App for the Apple App or Google Play Store.

For additional information, visit www.denvillepolice.gov

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POLICE DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

Over the last few years, Denville Township and the surrounding communities, have seen an increase in fraudulent crimes and scams, especially aimed at the elderly. Statistically, more and more seniors are becoming crime victims due to fraud type crimes rather than physical assault or burglary. The Denville Police Department would like to remind all of our residents that if it sounds too good to be true, it most likely is too good to be true. Be cautious about "free" vacations, sweepstakes, prizes, miracle cures, and investment schemes promising high returns from initial deposits or transfers. Be weary of salespeople who call you to solicit business. Never give credit card information, phone card information, social security numbers or bank account numbers over the phone to any person or organization soliciting from you. Don't allow "quick closers" to pressure you into signing any contract or sales agreement without having it checked out by an authority in the field whom you can trust. If these guidelines are not followed, constant attempts by the criminal element against our residents will continue to occur. Please help us keep Denville a safe and secure community by not speaking to people you do not know on the telephone or via the internet. These few simple steps can help prevent you from becoming a victim. Thank you and stay safe and healthy.



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