

Levees reduce – but do not eliminate – the risk of flooding

Overtopping or failure of a levee is possible

Low risk is not the same as no risk!



Do you live or work in an area protected by a levee?

Was your area flooded by the 1972 Tropical Storm Agnes Flood?

What can you do to reduce your risk?

- **Be prepared to evacuate**

Develop an emergency plan for your family or business

- **Assess your ability to recover from a flood**

Government disaster relief programs, when available, provide only limited direct assistance for home and business owners

- **Consider buying flood insurance**

You may be eligible for a low-cost Preferred Risk Policy

- **Floodproof buildings**

Use water-resistant materials in lower parts of the building

Locate valuable items upstairs if possible



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