

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01  
BOONE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD**

**ESTABLISHING A POLICY REGARDING FLOODPLAIN AND FLOODWAY LIMITS  
ALONG BOONE COUNTY STREAMS AND REGULATED DRAINS**

WHEREAS, the Boone County Drainage Board is established pursuant to I.C. 36-9-27-4 and is charged with the care, custody and management of Regulated Drains within Boone County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Drainage Board, the Boone County Commissioners adopted Commissioners Ordinance 2004-20 entitled the Stormwater Management Ordinance to regulate development within Boone County and its attendant impact on stormwater discharge and drainage (the "Drainage Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, The Drainage Ordinance was amended January 19, 2015, as Ordinance 2015-02, to reflect changing State and Federal regulations relating to stormwater quality and management, and to reflect changes in construction and development practices; and

WHEREAS, The Drainage Ordinance, as amended, included the Stormwater Technical Standards Manual; and

WHEREAS, the Drainage Board deems it desirable to adopt a "Policy Regarding Floodplain and Floodway Limits Along Boone County Streams and Regulated Drains" as set forth in the attached Exhibit A, and to include and incorporate the Policy into the Technical Standards Manual of the Drainage Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOONE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD hereby ADOPTS AND INCORPORATES the Policy attached as Exhibit A into the Drainage Ordinance Technical Standards, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2015.

BOONE COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
BOONE COUNTY, INDIANA:

ABSENT  
Byron Loveless, President

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ATTEST: Kathy Clawson  
Kathy Clawson, Recording Secretary

## EXHIBIT A

### **POLICY REGARDING FLOODPLAIN AND FLOODWAY LIMITS ALONG BOONE COUNTY STREAMS AND REGULATED DRAINS**

- The County is committed to preserving natural beneficial functions of floodplain along its waterways. As such, our policy is to discourage any encroachments into floodplains. However, to strike a balance between preserving the natural and beneficial floodplain functions and the need for economic development that is based on a public-supported or public-acceptable regional plan, the County may allow placement of fill within the floodplain on a case by case basis with required compensatory and mitigation measures as described in the Boone County Stormwater Technical Standards Manual.
- Regulatory floodway limits along the Boone County streams and regulated drains, which have been established by detailed hydraulic studies and published by the IDNR and FEMA and/or adopted by the County as best available information, and regulations associated with floodway limits, serve multiple purposes, including limiting flow conveyance encroachments, safeguarding habitat, and preserving all or a portion of the fluvial erosion hazard corridor along the water way. In order to safeguard the vital protection they offer, these floodway limits must be kept intact to the extent possible.
- While the County may allow or pursue modifications to the channel cross sections (such as 2-stage ditch or shelving projects) within floodway of a stream for erosion or flood control purposes, these projects shall not be intended to modify the regulatory floodway limits for the sole purpose of creating new developable land.
- When the above-noted channel modification projects are considered beneficial to the overall health of the stream and for public welfare, they should be based on sound science and supported by a well-thought through watershed-based plan that would consider the impacts of such channel improvements on fluvial erosion hazards and flooding potentials both at upstream and downstream stream reaches as well as at the opposite streambank.