In the event of backwater, or inverse flooding, (flooding of a river system that occurs after long-term rainfall and is usually able to be forecasted) the flood warning procedures and monitor the river stage. Do not drive through a flooded area. Do not drive around road barriers; they are in place to warn you of flood danger.

After a flood, turn off water services and gas valves in the home; If you own a butane tank, please secure it to the ground to avoid breaking the gas line, which may cause a fire; if you rent a butane tank contact your butane vendor to have the tank removed. If you are in a mobile home park, before you go through an area where the water is flowing. Do not walk through flowing water. Do not enter a flooded area if there is any doubt about its condition.

FLOOD INSURANCE

The cost of flood insurance is to insure against structural and personal property losses caused by flood is

FLOOD PROTECTION MEASURES

Flooding of a house or structure means altering it so floodwaters will not cause damage. There are both permanent and temporary measures to help protect your home from flooding. Flood damage to your home may include elevating structures, relocating or not putting it on the floodplain, building levees, floodwalls, or structural controls as barriers to flooding. Temporary measures may include removing any temporary structures that may be damaged and that may be blown away by the winds. A temporary measure may include elevating or relocating electrical panels, furnaces, water heaters, and washers and dryers to a location less likely to flood. Floodproofing to make walls and floors floodproof and the construction of a temporary check valve in the sewer line to prevent sewer back up into the structure. Temporary measures include moving essential items and furniture to the upper floors of your home and placing sandbags, plastic sheeting or tinfoil in front of doorways and other low entry points. These measures will help to minimize the amount of damage caused by floodwaters. Contact the City of Vicksburg’s Office of Buildings and Inspections, at (601)634-4528 for more information on how to floodproof your home.

In the City of Vicksburg, there are several identified undeveloped floodplain areas. These properties include those lands west of Ford Subdivision to the City limits; undeveloped property lying west of U.S. Highway 61; and numerous undeveloped bottom areas in Hatcher Bayou and Durden Creek. These are areas that have been identified as repetitive flood losses areas of Hamilton Heights Subdivision and Ford Subdivision that shall remain open space in perpetuity and are restricted to active and passive recreational use. The City currently maintains these open space properties by keeping the grass cut and the lots free and clear of debris. Undeveloped properties in the floodplain continue to exist in nature. The City enforces its local code of ordinances to deter illegal dumping in these areas and along creeks and bayous. To report illegal dumping activities or any development activities that may constitute a violation of the City’s regulations please call the City of Vicksburg’s ACTION Line, at (601)636-3411, or contact the Office of Buildings and Inspections, at (601)634-4528.

FAIR MAP (FIRM) INFORMATION

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In the event of a flood, Citizens are expected to perform routine maintenance on drainage ditches located on the rights-of-way in front of their properties and along streets. This includes removal of high water, debris, or other items and waste as defined by State Statute 17:17-17, which may be considered a nuisance. Citizens that cross private property must be maintained so that the natural flow of water is not impeded. To report any illegal drainage activity, please contact the City of Vicksburg’s ACTION Line at (601)636-3411, or the Office of Buildings and Inspections at (601)634-4528.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

The Subdivision has flooded at least ten (10) times since 1979. The last flooding was in 2001. The Stormwater Management of the Subdivision includes from the City of Vicksburg. The Subdivision has flooded at least ten (10) times since 1979. The last flooding was in 2001. The Stormwater Management of the Subdivision includes from the City of Vicksburg. If you must return to a flooded area, use the following precautions:

RIVERS, most commonly in the spring and early summer months. This area is located just off of U.S. Highway 61 North Boulevard. This area was an extended into the City in June 1980. It is affected from backwater flooding from the Mississippi and Yazoo Rivers, and from earth movement in the spring and early summer months. This area floods when the flood stage of the Mississippi River reaches forty-six feet (46'). The most recent flood occurred in this area in June, 2002.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION

CIVIC FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

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