# Chehalis Basin Strategy Community Flood Assistance & Resilience (CFAR) Program

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## Potential Goals

1. Provide technical and financial assistance to local communities and landowners to protect lives and property from river flooding and channel migration.

2. Reduce direct economic damages to property, including buildings and their contents, and associated indirect adverse impacts on people, businesses and communities in the basin.

3. Encourage compatible human uses, economic activities, and improved habitat conditions in flood-prone and channel migration areas.

4. Develop criteria to prioritize state investments throughout the basin in a way that considers local government readiness and landowner willingness; potential benefits to areas not otherwise protected by large-scale flood damage reduction elements of the strategy; and consistency with ecosystem restoration goals included within the Aquatic Species Restoration Plan.

5. Undertake activities in a coordinated, cost-effective and environmentallysensitive manner.

## Assumptions

- Program is both preventative and corrective
- Projects are voluntary
- Structures that are dilapidated or deemed unfit for human habitation by local codes are not eligible for structure retrofit funding (may be eligible for acquisition funding)
- Accessory structures will not be mitigated, but are eligible for technical assistance
- OCB will monitor and revise the program as needed, with input from property owners, local governments, and the Chehalis Basin Board.
- OCB may establish different criteria for the first year(s) of the program.

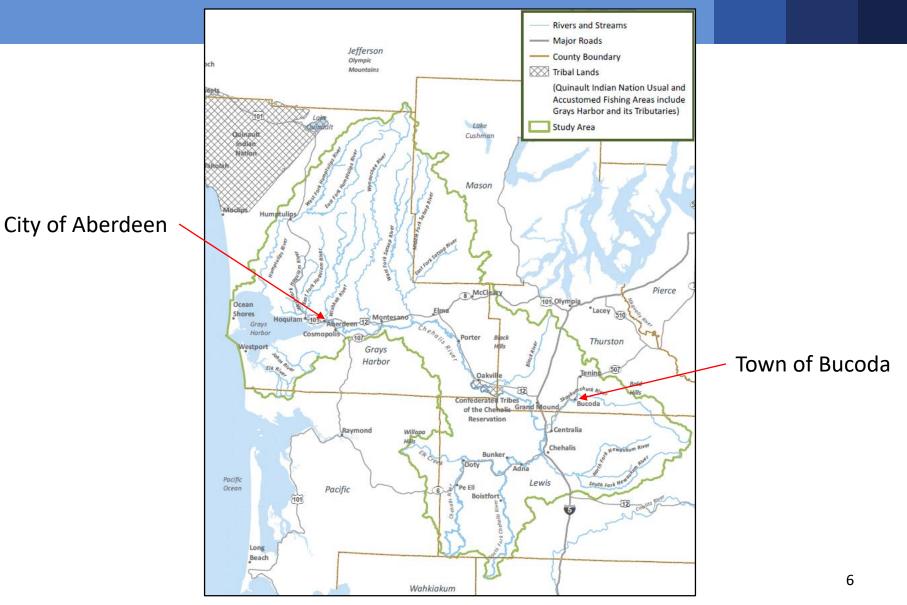
### Assumptions

- Properties protected by other actions under consideration as part of the Strategy are not priorities for project funding (eligible for technical assistance)
- Property owners commit to maintain flood insurance if a structure remains in the floodplain
- Property owners contribution: funds or in-kind work
- Protection levels will account for future flood levels resulting from climate change
- Consideration of bank stabilization will be part of the next phase (21-23 biennium)
- CFAR funding will address community assets (churches, municipal buildings, etc.) in addition to homes and businesses

#### Interim solicitation metrics

- Requests for technical support 4
- Requests for technical assistance 12
- Early opportunities
  - Bucoda structure retrofits 15 potentially interested property owners
  - Aberdeen elevation certificate pilot 93 structures

# Early Opportunity Projects (EOP)



## Aberdeen Elevation Certificate EOP

**Objective:** To help residents and businesses use elevation data to protect buildings from flood damage and lower flood insurance premiums.

**Approach:** With the City, we have selected two pilot neighborhoods that will not be protected by the proposed North Shore Levee. The project will include explanatory materials and one-on-one discussions with residents.

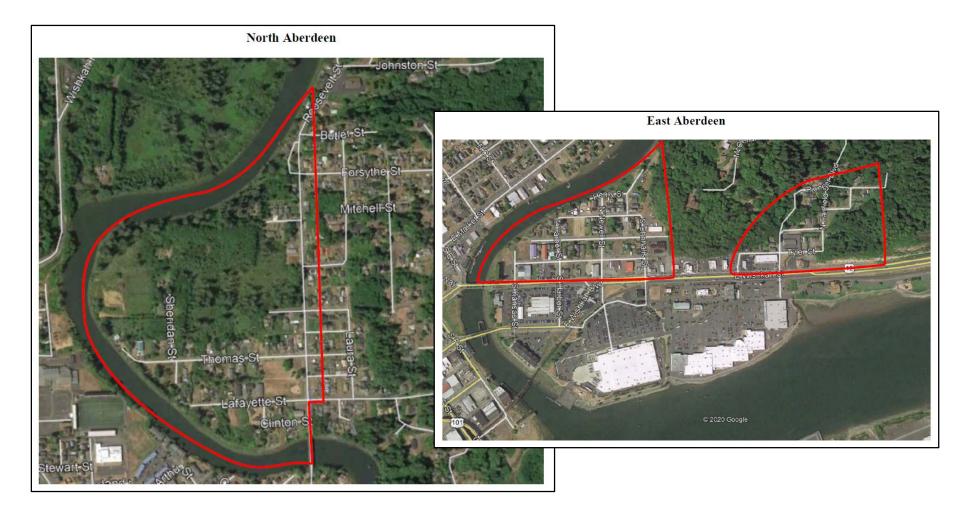
Phase 1: provide estimated elevation information for buildings in pilot neighborhoods.

Phase 2: Complete Elevation Certificates, at owner's request.



Elevation project on Young Street in Aberdeen

## Aberdeen Elevation Certificate EOP

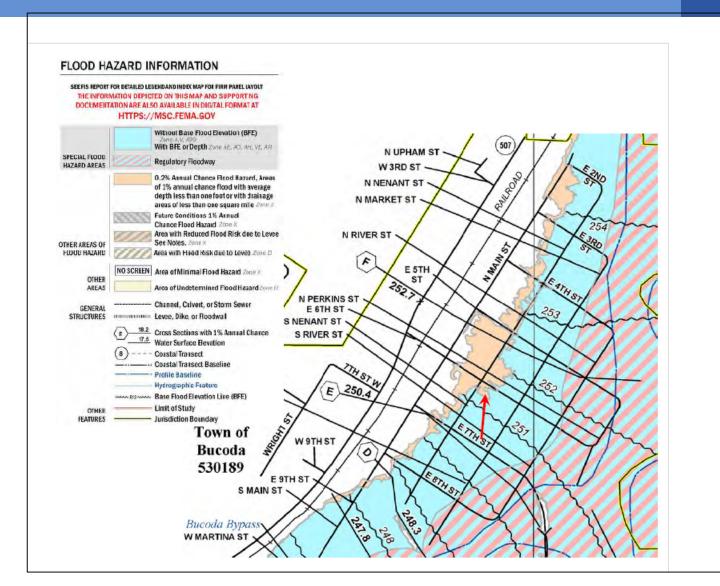


# Aberdeen Elevation Certificate EOP

#### POTENTIAL MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

- Was knowledge helpful/useful to residents and businesses in terms of understanding true flood risk?
- Was there an insurance benefit?
- Do residents and businesses implement the recommended flood damage reduction measures?
- Do residents and businesses feel they are better educated about living in a floodplain?

## Bucoda Home Retrofit EOP



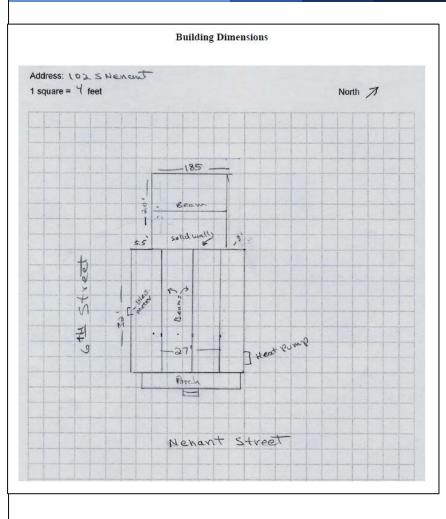
#### Bucoda Home Retrofit EOP

North side



South side

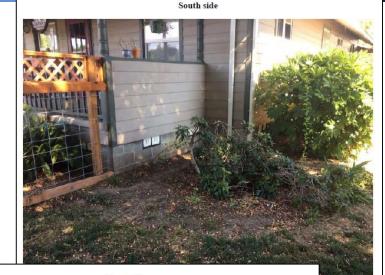




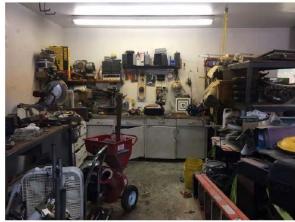
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1996 high water line is <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> way up the white exhaust vent in photo

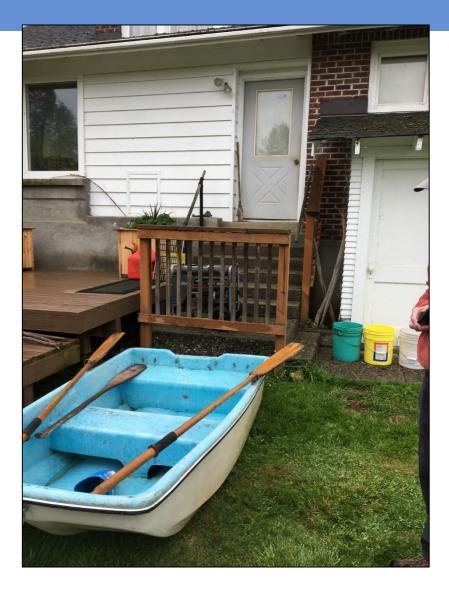


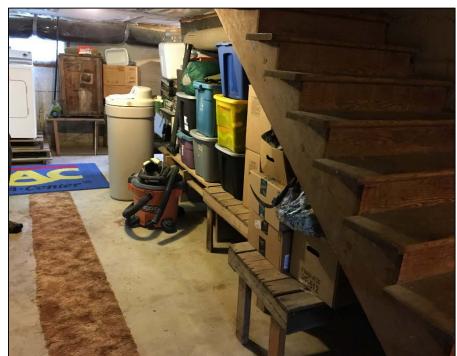
Rear wall



The garage is 2 feet below the floor of the main building. I has drywall and minimal insulation. The outlets are above the counters.

## Case Study





"By, on and in the Newaukum River"



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