

Post-Disaster Flood Risk Reduction

Legal Issues & Making the Case for a Proactive Planning and Regulatory
Approach

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After the Flood, What Keeps You Up at Night?

- Are you worried about your liability for enforcing standards, or not enforcing standards?
- Do you think you have enough legal standing to take an enforcement action?
- Are you afraid of being sued for a takings?
- What about a moratorium until you can figure out how to recover more resiliently?
- Are your standards or flood maps good enough?
- Will/do citizens complain to local officials about flooding in areas that were properly permitted?

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