

## ***Flood Watch***

As you may be aware, one of the most critical problems we face as a community is the flooding issue. This special section of the site will contain up to-the-minute information about flood related conditions, in real time, as events unfold during flood emergencies.

Below is a list of useful links with very brief descriptions.

### **Stream Data**

Link to the USGS Peckman River Gage in Little Falls (Station No. 01389550). This gage is funded by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood damage reduction feasibility study. Note that flood stage is above elevation 7.

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?01389550>

Link to the National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service gage on the Passaic River in Little Falls below Beatties Dam. Note that the website provides up to three days of advanced warning of higher than usual water surface elevations.

<http://newweb.erh.noaa.gov/ahps2/hydrograph.php?wfo=phi&gage=ltfn4&view=1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0&toggles=10,7,8,2,9,15,6>

### **Rainfall Data**

The Advanced Flood Warning System ("AFWS") web site is a cooperative effort managed by the IFLAWS Program of the National Weather Service and gives real-time precipitation readings throughout our area. For reference, note the following key storm magnitudes: 2-year, 3.5 inches; 5-year, 4.4 inches, and 10-year, 5.2 inches.

<http://www.afws.net/data/nj/Passaic.htm>

Link to the National Weather Service forecast for Little Falls. The site provides hazardous weather warnings and provides a more detailed projection than most sites.

<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=Little+Falls&state=NJ&site=OKX&textField1=40.8755&textField2=-74.2185>

### **General Information on Flooding**

FEMA guidance on preparing for, surviving and recovering from widespread flooding.

<http://www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/index.shtm>

### **The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)**

An extremely detailed page developed by FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program ("NFIP") to answer questions about flood insurance.

<http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/>

### **Flood Insurance Rate Maps (free)**

Enter your address in the upper left hand corner of the screen. Once you locate your map, click "View." It is now possible to create a "Firmette," which is a digital copy of your map. Be patient, the site moves slowly.

<http://msc.fema.gov/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/FemaWelcomeView?storeId=10001&catalogId=10001&langId=-1>