

# Flood Awareness From the City of Mount Vernon October 2008

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## Downtown & Waterfront Area Master Plan

### Need for Action

The City of Mount Vernon has commenced a comprehensive redevelopment plan for its historic downtown area. The goal of that planning effort is to guide the investment of public and private resources in the downtown area over the next 20 years. However, flooding on the Skagit River has, for over a century, caused millions of dollars in damage to land and infrastructure and put human lives at risk. The threat of flooding poses a major barrier to investment in the downtown area and limits the City's efforts to create a vibrant, attractive, and safe waterfront district. Unless flood protection measures are implemented, the area will continue to suffer from damaging floods and the local economy will continue to experience depressing effects due to the potential harm and uncertainties associated with future floods.

### Project Purpose

The purpose of the Mount Vernon Downtown Flood Protection Project is to protect the City's downtown area from flood damage up to and including the 100-year event on the Skagit River. In addition to flood protection, the project's goals include enhancing public access to the shoreline and river and maintaining the existing availability of parking in the downtown area.

For more information go to: [www.ci.mount-vernon.wa.us](http://www.ci.mount-vernon.wa.us)

### FLOOD INSURANCE

- Are you in an area that requires flood insurance? Call our department to find out.
- Did you know that flooding is not covered by standard property insurance?
- Are you aware that there is a 30 day waiting period for flood insurance?
- Helpful Hint: Keep insurance policies and documents in a safe-deposit box.

## Flood Safety

\*Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves. Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.

\*Listen to local radio or TV stations for flood information: KBRC 1430AM, KLKI 1340 AM, KAPS 660AM

### *"Turn Around Don't Drown"*

NEVER drive through flooded roadways. You will not know the depth of the water nor will you know the conditions of the road under the water.



### \*Know your flood vocabulary.

Flood Watch means a flood is possible in your area. Flood Warning means flooding is already occurring and will be in your area soon.