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**Your property IS located in or near the Special Flood Hazard Area as mapped by FEMA
for the Chatham County & the City of Garden City**

ARE YOU PREPARED?

Presented by the Department of Planning & Economic Development

Know Your Flood Hazard:

Check with the Office of Planning, Zoning & Building at City Hall to find out what flood zone you are in and the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) **and floodway, past flood, and wetlands information** for your lot. Note that flood zone determination requests are to be made face to face, in writing or by phone at 912-963-2779. There are specific measures you can take to protect yourself from flood waters, such as learning how to turn off the gas and electricity to your house (and do so) if flooding is imminent. DO NOT attempt to walk, swim, or drive through moving water or flooded areas. Remember: **Turn Around Don't Drown.** Drowning is the number one cause of flood-related deaths, followed by electrocution. Electrical currents from downed power lines and your home circuits can travel through water causing a safety hazard. **STAY OUT OF FLOOD WATERS!!**

Property Protection:

Contact the *Office of Planning, Zoning & Building* at **912-963-2749** for free publications on how to protect yourself and your dwelling. Additional information can be found at fema.gov and floodsmart.gov. Staff members from the City of Garden City are prepared to make site visits, upon request, to assist property owners with flooding, drainage and sewer problems, and to address any site-specific flooding concerns within our community. This service is provided at no charge. For additional information on flooding, flood insurance, flood zones, retrofitting, how to pick a contractor, benchmark locations, historical FIRM, or elevation certificates (E.C.), you may call **912-963-2749** or visit www.gardencity-ga.gov/economic-development/floodplain-management.

Flood Warning:

In the City of Garden City, Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) manages the flood warning system. Once CEMA receives a potentially dangerous warning, sirens are activated. When you hear the sirens, tune into the television (WTOG, WSAV, or WJCL) or on the radio at WSVH (91.1) for what to do. Information can be heard on the NOAA weather radio broadcast at frequency 162.40. For additional information about the flood warning systems (how much warning can you expect, the evacuation route you should use) and to sign up for CEMA alerts, contact CEMA at 912-201-4500 or visit the website at www.chathamemergency.org. You can also view COMCAST Channel 16 and refer to the phone book to gain information including evacuation routes and the location of emergency shelters.