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## WICOMICO ENCOURAGES INSURANCE

The 2019 Hurricane Season began June 1<sup>st</sup> and one way citizens of Wicomico County can prepare is to consider purchasing flood insurance. Wicomico County has received several major rain events in the past few years, many of which were not associated with a hurricane. “When a 4”, 6” or 8” rain event occurs, it can cause serious flooding damage to property,” states Executive Culver.

Most homeowners’ insurance policies do not cover damage due from flooding events. However, Wicomico County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which offers homeowners in the County an opportunity to purchase policies through the government-based, discounted insurance program.

Flood insurance is available to all homeowners, regardless of whether the property lies within a mapped floodplain. It is important to remember that flood insurance has to be in place 30 days before an event to receive coverage. We encourage homeowners to investigate flood insurance now- before a major flooding event occurs.

Our Planning and Zoning staff are available to help guide homeowners in reducing flood risk factors and possibly reduce their insurance premiums. Homeowners with flood insurance or floodplain questions can call 410-548-4810 or send an inquiry to Marilyn Williams, floodplain coordinator, at [mwilliams@wicomicocounty.org](mailto:mwilliams@wicomicocounty.org)