

# Construction Services News

## National Flood Insurance Program Flood Maps

### Attention: Surveyors, Engineers, and Builders

The FEMA National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) flood maps for Tampa/Hillsborough County have been revised and they will become effective on September 1, 2008.

The new maps reference the new nationally adopted datum known as NAVD 88 versus the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) 29. In the early 1990's, the Federal Government adopted the NAVD 88 as a more accurate vertical measurement and requested local governments comply with the new standard. Compliance has typically been accomplished through the implementation of new flood maps as is being accomplished here in Hillsborough County.



Therefore, effective September 1, 2008, all construction permit documentation, such as building/site plans and FEMA elevation certificates, shall be identified and referenced to the NAVD 88 datum. FEMA has provided a helpful tool on the NFIP maps to assist with the conversion from NGVD 29 to NAVD 88.

For more information regarding this issue, please contact the Construction Services Division at (813) 274-3100.

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