

May 16, 2019

Re: Flood Preparation

Dear Resident:

You are receiving this letter because your property is located in the floodplain for Tuttle Creek/Big Blue River. Water levels in Tuttle Creek Lake are high, if additional rain falls in the region or upstream, major releases from Tuttle Creek dam into the Big Blue River may be necessary and may cause flooding. If major flooding occurs, your home will likely be affected. While Manhattan is NOT in an emergency situation yet, now is the time to prepare in case evacuation becomes necessary.

First, make a plan to evacuate. Decide what items are essential to take with you. You will find a checklist of items enclosed with this letter. Consider moving important items to higher levels in your home.

Next, decide where you will go if evacuated. Shelters will be available but flooding could last for days or weeks. If you have relatives or friends outside of the floodplain, you will likely be more comfortable staying with them instead of at a shelter.

Finally, sign up to receive emergency alerts from Riley County. Evacuation notices will be issued by phone, email, and text message but you must sign up to receive these notices. Visit www.rileycounty.gov/alerts. Tune in to local news stations, they will also be broadcasting the evacuation messages. If time permits, emergency personnel will go door-to-door issuing the evacuation notice.

If major flooding happens, public utilities across the City could also be impacted. Electricity will be turned off immediately in inundated areas and will be turned back on when conditions are safe. The water supply in Manhattan will be reduced. Residents will be advised to stop all irrigation and conserve water.

To learn more, please attend the public meeting with the US Army Corps of Engineers on Wednesday, May 22 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Manhattan Fire Station Headquarters located at 2000 Denison Ave in the first floor meeting hall.

Talk with your neighbors about how you are preparing. Some of them may have experienced the flood of 1993 and can give you an idea of what to expect. Some neighbors may need help to take care of their home and belongings. By working together as a community, we were able to recover from the devastation of the flood of 1993. Our planning and coordination now will allow us to do the same if another major flood occurs.

Sincerely,



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City of Manhattan

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