Does your yard or neighborhood flood?

What conditions make local flooding worse?

Localized flooding is becoming a problem for more property owners and neighborhoods across the region.

Actions the community can take...

- Adopt storm water regulations.
- Adopt and enforce minimum floodplain management standards required for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Actions you can take...

- Maintain storm water control and treatment practices on your property or in your neighborhood.
- Maintain drainage systems.
- Reduce storm water runoff coming from your property by directing runoff from buildings and driveways into natural areas or rain gardens or by installing a cistern to capture runoff to use later for watering gardens.
- Elevate New Construction.
- Build further back from waterways.
- Keep ditches and culverts cleared.
- Do not spray ditches with herbicides.

Most homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding.

Homeowners need additional protection from floods associated with hurricanes, severe storms, heavy rains and other conditions.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) offers flood insurance to homeowners, renters, and business owners if their communities participate in the program. Participating communities agree to adopt and enforce ordinances that meet or exceed requirements to reduce the risk of flooding.

For information, go to www.floodsmart.gov

Homeowners and community land managers can plan storm-water uses that mitigate impacts and help conserve water resources.

Rain barrels capture storm water, which would otherwise flow into sewers or contribute to flooding, for use in landscaping.

For more information about storm-water programs for homeowners and communities, contact the North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

www.bae.ncsu.edu/stormwater

For additional information about coastal issues, visit NC Sea Grant.

http://ncseagrant.ncsu.edu/