Historically, floods have caused millions of dollars worth of damage to homes, businesses, roads and farmland. Although considerable strides have been made in identifying flood hazards, building flood control structures and establishing programs and regulations, there is still work to be done. Flooding during more recent monsoon storms demonstrated that regional structures are still needed in areas to protect existing development.

In partnership with the Town of Fountain Hills, the Flood Control District (FCD) of Maricopa County reduces risk from flooding so property damage and loss of life is minimized, economic development is supported in a safe and responsible manner and stormwater is recognized as a resource for long-term benefit to the community and environment. Many of the completed structural flood control projects protecting the public also enhance the community as multi-use opportunities such as recreational features, trails and open spaces.

The Town of Fountain Hills conducts their own floodplain permitting. However, FCD provides other services for the Town such as: area drainage studies, cost share on flood control projects, flood warning (ALERT) and educational outreach.

FCD continues to reduce risk through new structures (Capital Improvement Program), purchase of homes and floodproofing to help homeowners in flood prone areas (Floodprone Properties Assistance Program) and partially funding small/local projects through the Small Project Assistance Program (SPAP). Ongoing collaboration with citizens, municipalities, agencies and developers is essential to ensure that people and property remain safe during floods as the county continues to grow and responsible economic growth is supported.
1. Ashbrook Wash Improvements
2. Golden Eagle Park Dam Improvements

COMPLETED STUDIES

Ashbrook and Cloudburst Wash FDS
Fountain Hills Flood Response Plan

GENERAL FLOODPLAIN INFORMATION

0.6 sq-mi of floodplain in 20.4 sq-mi of town limits = ~ 2.8%
Benefits from 9 ALERT gages in town & 4 stations within 5 mi