

The Clergy Corner

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GOD'S PURPOSES AND OUR HUMAN DESIRES

As Christians we are to look at life and live it from God's point of view and not man's. St. Paul pointed out that since Christ has come we are no longer to look at life and others from the human point of view but from God's point of view. (2 Cor. 5:16). This is what we mean by salvation, too. Being born again means that you have God and Christ at the center of your life, and that the control of your life and its direction has pass-

ed from your human self to God. God rules you and not your human desires.

Jesus was very conscious of this difference between human desires and God's purposes. In fact the whole Bible points out this difference, which is well expressed by Isaiah the prophet when he has God declare: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (55:9).

When Jesus is going to Jerusalem with His Disciples for the last time He tells them that He will be persecuted and suffer death on the cross. But Peter takes Him aside and declares: "God forbid it Lord! This shall never happen to you." But Jesus

rebukes him and says: "Get behind me, Satan. You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men. (Mat. 16:21-23). What Jesus is saying is that we can't be fair-weather Christians, not Christians who are able, like Himself, to be "persecuted for righteousness' sake." We have to be able to endure suffering and trouble for God and Christ, else we are not true Christians, not true followers of His.

If ye are saved, it is because we take God's point of view in our lives. In that way we may be sure that God is on our side.

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PROPOSED FLOOD ELEVATION DETERMINATIONS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANDOVER, ALLEGANY COUNTY, NEW YORK

AGENCY: Federal Insurance Administration, HUD

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY:

Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed base (100-year) flood elevations listed below for selected locations in the Village of Andover Allegany County, New York.

These base (100-year) flood elevations are the basis for the flood plain management measures that the community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

DATES:

The period for comment will be ninety (90) days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in the above-named community.

ADDRESSES:

Maps and other information showing the detailed outlines of the flood-prone areas and the proposed base (100-year) flood elevations are available for review at the Office of the Village Clerk, 4 Main Street, Andover, New York.

Send comments to:

Honorable Ralph A. Allen
Mayor of Andover
4 Main Street
Andover, New York 14806

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Richard Krimm, Assistant Administrator
Office of Flood Insurance
(202) 755-5581 or Toll Free Line (800) 424-8372
Room 5270
451 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, D. C. 20410

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Federal Insurance Administrator gives notice of the proposed determinations of base (100-year) flood elevations for the Village of Andover, Allegany County, New York in accordance with section 1363 to the National Flood Insurance Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-234), 87 Stat. 980, which added section 1363 to the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (Pub. L. 90-448), 42 U.S.C. 4001-4128, and 24 CFR 1917.4(a).

These elevations, together with the flood plain management measures required by Section 1910 of the program regulations, are the minimum that are required. They should not be construed to mean the community must change any existing ordinances that are more stringent in their flood plain management requirements. The community may at any time enact stricter requirements on its own or pursuant to policies established by other Federal, State, or regional entities. These proposed elevations will also be used to calculate the appropriate flood insurance premium rates for buildings and their contents and for the second layer of insurance on existing buildings and their contents.

The proposed base (100-year) flood elevations for selected locations are:

Source of Flooding	Location	Elevation in Feet National Geodetic Vertical Datum
Dyke Creek	Western Corporate Limit	1,638
	Second Street (Upstream)	1,654
	State Route 21 (Upstream)	1,665
	Eastern Corporate Limit	1,680
Railroad Brook	Confluence with East Valley Creek	1,664
	Dam at Andover Pond (Downstream)	1,666
	Dam at Andover Pond (Upstream)	1,669
	Andover Pond	1,669
East Valley Creek	Western Corporate Limit	1,639
	Second Street (Extended)	1,658
	Main Street (Downstream)	1,659
	Main Street (Upstream)	1,660
	Water Street (Downstream Crossing) (Upstream)	1,663
	Conrail Crossing approximately 200' Downstream of State Route crossing (Upstream)	1,664
East Valley Creek (continued)	State Route 21 (Upstream)	1,666
	Barney Street (Upstream)	1,674
	Water Street (Upstream)	1,683
	Northern Corporate Limit	1,686

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