



# **Henry County Emergency Management Agency**

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## **When Water Causes an Evacuation**

With the recent flooding fresh on our minds I wanted to remind everyone that your pre-incident planning efforts can make a huge difference for you and your family. The first part of your planning process is to be aware of local conditions. Be informed, get a NOAA alert radio and monitor local alerts, warnings and news broadcasts. Know your area and what conditions cause flooding that could cause you to evacuate your home. Build your evacuation kit before you need it and have a plan of where you can go and how to get there once you evacuate. If you need to be sheltered in an Emergency Management/Red Cross shelter there are a few things you need to know.

If only 1 or 2 families need shelter the Red Cross may provide accommodations. If the Red Cross is unable to provide commercial accommodations the Henry County Office of Emergency Management working with the Red Cross will open a shelter when needed.

*Some basic shelter information for you to consider:*

1. Sleeping areas will most likely be in a single large open area
2. We will provide a cot or mat (and blanket if available)
3. Families will be kept together as much as possible
4. Non family member - men and women's areas will be segregated
5. Evacuees will be provided a copy or allowed to read the shelter rules upon arrival and must agree to follow them to be allowed to stay in the shelter

*Recommended Supplies to Include in your Basic Shelter Kit:*

- Flashlight(s)
- Cell phone and charger
- Any required medications and medical supplies
- Emergency contact list
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records in a waterproof, lockable container and keep in your vehicle.
- Snacks and water
- Infant formula and diapers, if you have an infant
- Personal hygiene items including feminine supplies
- Moist towelette's and hand sanitizer
- Weather specific change of clothing and shoes per person
- A sleeping bag or warm blanket and pillow for each person
- Cards, games, toys
- Folding chair per person (optional)

The kit items listed above are not a requirement to be sheltered but can make your experience much less stressful.

Additional items can be found at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

***Are you READY? Make a PLAN! Test your PLAN!***

Director: Ron Huffman

## *Area Specific Flood Information*

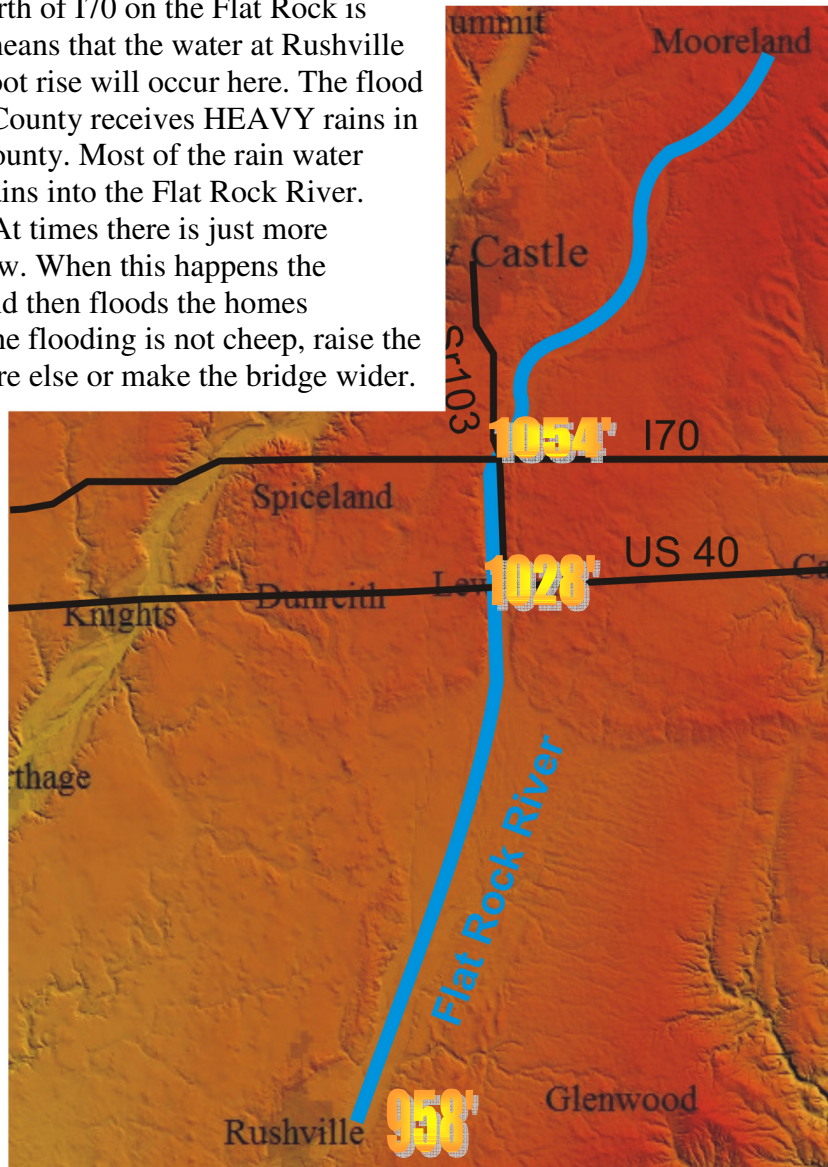
It has been brought to my attention that some believe there is a flood gate in Rushville that can be shut causing the area north of I70 at SR103 to back up and flood. This is not correct, using USGS data I built the chart below and as you can see the difference in elevation between Rushville and the area just north of I70 on the Flat Rock is approximately 96 feet. This means that the water at Rushville must rise 96 foot before a 1 foot rise will occur here. The flood problem occurs when Henry County receives HEAVY rains in the north east corner of the County. Most of the rain water follows the flood plan and drains into the Flat Rock River. Then it must pass under I70. At times there is just more water than the bridge can allow. When this happens the river backs up into the lake and then floods the homes in the low areas. The fix for the flooding is not cheap, raise the homes, move them some where else or make the bridge wider.

Raising a mobile home or or moving it will always be cheaper than cutting out a section of interstate and building a wider bridge.

The elevation difference between the Flat Rock River at I70 and at Rushville = **96 FOOT**

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns.

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Elevation	Latitude	Longitude	Location
1054	39deg 51'31.00"N	85deg 21'09.81"W	Lake N of I70 @ SR103
1028	39deg 48'28.20"N	85deg 21'25.45"W	Louisville Park
<u>958</u>	<u>39deg 36'28.49"N</u>	<u>85deg 25'58.30"W</u>	<u>Rushville East Side</u>
<b>96 Ft</b>	Elevation difference between the Flat Rock River at I70 and at Rushville		