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Lee County announces partnership to improve access to flood-related documentation

Fort Myers, FL, July 2, 2025 – Lee County is continuing its commitment to transparency and ease of access to flood-related documentation in partnership with the Forerunner online platform.

Forerunner is designed to provide residents with the latest flood-risk details for their property, streamline access to Elevation Certificates and simplify submission processes for flood-related documentation. It serves as a centralized tool to support compliance efforts and improve public access to crucial flood data.

Key features include the ability to:

- Search for a property's flood risk: Each property in the community has a unique public profile that can be used by homeowners, contractors, insurance agents, realtors and others to review the property's available flood data. Search for a property on the homepage by address to find its flood zone, Base Flood Elevation (BFE), important flood compliance-related warnings and more.
- Find Elevation Certificates for your property: Need to find an Elevation Certificate on file? If there are documents on file for your property, you'll be able to find it in the searchable Elevation Certificate page or on the property's unique public profile, saving you the cost of getting a new one.
- Upload Elevation Certificates: Upload Elevation Certificates that have been digitally signed and sealed by a surveyor through the online portal to satisfy the requirement of the building permit process for structures located in FEMA's Special Flood Hazard Area.
- Get additional help: Forerunner's "Get Help" page allows you to contact your local floodplain management team directly with questions. Enter your information, include the address of the property you need help with and share more information with staff in the comments.

Forerunner eliminates the need for manual searches through the Document Search webpage using various property identifiers. Users can now locate Elevation Certificates using only the property address.

Documents can be uploaded through Forerunner's online portal, which automatically associates the submission with the correct property address. Submission will no longer need to be handled via an email.

Customers have been redirected to the site since June 30.

For more information, visit the Lee County Department of Community Development at www.leegov.com/dcd. The Forerunner landing page is available here: <https://www.leegov.com/dcd/eServ/Forerunner>

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