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#### How Flood Vents and Mitigation Efforts Can Lower Flood Premiums





## Mitigation

- Flood Loss Control Solutions
  - Eliminating Sub Grade Spaces
  - Raising Mechanicals
  - Proper Flood Vents



## About Us

- 13 years of promoting sound floodplain management
- Over 250,000 flood vents in the field
- Made in the USA
- Flood Risk Assessment
- System/Team
- a. Retailers
- b. Installers
- c. Insurance Agents
- d. Surveyors
- e. Other professionals?



# Changing Landscape

- Biggert Waters Reform (Pre Firm)
  - Actuarial Rates Phased in
  - Non-Primary Residences
  - Severe Repetitive Loss
  - Business Properties





### **Changing Landscape**

- 2012 Biggert Waters Reform
- 2014 Grimm Waters (HFIAA)
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  - Severe Repetitive Loss
  - Business Properties

NATIONAL FLOOD -25 \$25 Surcharge Primary \$250 Non-Primary



### FEMA Recommends

#### **Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform** Act of 2012

#### Impact of National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Changes

Note: This Fact Sheet deals specifically with Sections 205 and 207 of the Act.

n 2012, the U.S. Congress passed the Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 which calls on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other agencies to make a number of changes to the way the NFIP is run. Some of these changes have already been put in place, and others will be implemented in the coming months. Key provisions of the legislation will require the NFIP to raise rates to reflect true flood risk, make the program more financially stable, and change how Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) updates impact policyholders. The changes will mean premium rate increases for some - but not all policyholders over time.

#### Background:

In 1968. Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Since most homeowners' insurance policies did not cover flood, property owners who experienced a flood often found themselves financially devastated and unable to rebuild. The NFIP was formed to fill that gap and was designed to incorporate community adoption of minimum standards for new construction and development to minimize future risk of flood damage. Pre-existing homes and businesses, how

these older properties were eligible to obtain insurance property's true flood risk.

In addition, as the initial flood risk identified by the NFIF had been built in compliance with existing standards ha flood risk in their area increased.

After 45 years, flood risks continue and the costs and c 2012, Congress passed legislation to make the NFIP m term

#### What this means:

The new law eliminates some artificially low rates and c insurance rates will now move to reflect full risk, and flo

Actions such as buying a property, allowing a policy to I changes. You should talk to your insurance agent about insurance policy. There are investments you and your c changes. And FEMA can help communities lower flood

#### What is Changing Now?

Most rates for most properties will more accurately refle residences are being phased out now. Subsidized rates

eliminated over time, beginning in late 2013. There are several actions which can trigger a rate change, and not everyone will be affected. It's important to know the distinctions and actions to avoid, or to take, to lessen the impacts.

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#### What Can Be Done to Lower Costs?

flood was revised. This "Grandfathering" approach pre

- Talk to your insurance agent about your insurance options.
- You will probably need an Elevation Certificate to determine your correct rate.
- Higher deductibles might lower your premium.
- Consider incorporating flood mitigation into your remodeling or rebuilding.
  - Building or rebuilding higher will lower your risk and could reduce your premium.
  - Consider adding vents to your foundation or using breakaway walls.
- Talk with local officials about community-wide mitigation steps.



### **WOW Savings**



# **ROI: 2 Years**



## High premium

COVERAGE	DEDUCT	INS. AM⊺.	RATES	PREMIUM	DISCOUNT/ BUYBACK	NET <u>PREMIUM</u>
Building	1000	60,000	2.460	1,476		
Added		190,000	1.130	2,147		
Building 1	Totals:	250,000		3,623	0	3,623.00
Contents	1000	25,000	.850	213		
Added		75,000	.190	143		
Contents 1	Totals:	100,000		356	0	356.00
<u>Total Buil</u>	lding and Co	ntents:		3,979	0	3,979.00



Policy Term:	1	
Expense Constant:		0
ICC Premium;		24.00
Community Discount:		.00
Community Probation Charge:		0
Annual Premium:		4,003.00
Policy Service Fee:		40
Total Annual Due:		4,043.00



### 87% Reduction

COVERAGE	BASIC LIMITS		ADDITIONAL LIMITS DEDUCTIBLE			PREMIUM CALCULATIONS				
FOR	AMOUNT	RATE	PREMIUM	AMOUNT	RATE	PREMIUM	AMOUNT	DEDUCTIBLE DECREASE	TOTAL AMOUNT	TOTAL ANNUAL PREMIUM
Building	\$60,000	0.25	\$150	\$190,000	0.08	\$152	\$1,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$302
Contents	\$25,000	0.38	\$95	\$75,000	0.12	\$90	\$1,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$185
	DEDUC	TIBLE OPTIO	NS					Annual Subtotal:		\$487
BUILDIN	G C	ONTENTS	PRE/	MUM				ICC Premium:		\$4
\$1,000	Ī	\$1,000	\$5	06				Sub Total:		\$491
\$2,000		\$2,000	\$4	71				CRS Discount: 5%		\$25
\$3,000	\$3,000	\$4	37				Policy Fee:		\$40	
\$4,000		\$4,000	\$4	02				Probation Surcharge:		\$0
\$5,000		\$5,000	\$3	91				Total Premium:		\$506

SMART VENT

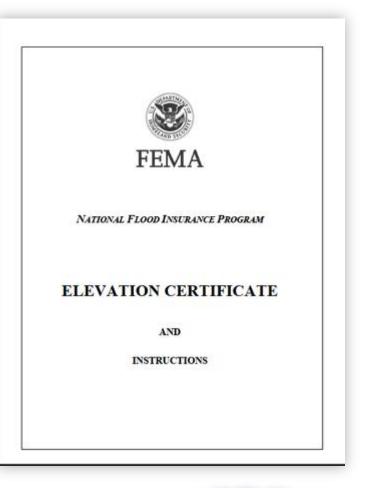
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## **Breaking It Down**

#### **FEMA Elevation Certificate**

Last check point before CO is granted
Surveyor Completes
Sections A8 & A9 Flood Vent Info
Know your diagrams





U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENC' National Flood Insurance Program	r	ON CERTIFICATE the instructions on pag		OMB No. 1660-0008 Expiration Date: July 31, 2015
	SECTION	A - PROPERTY INFORMA	TION	FOR INSURANCE COMPANY USE
A1. Building Owner's Name Gary K. & Lind	a A. Liebowitz			Policy Number:
A2. Building Street Address (including Apt.,	Unit, Suite, and/or Bldg.	No.) or P.O. Route and Box No		Company NAIC Number:
A3. Property Description (Lot and Block Nu Lot 15, Block 288	mbers, Tax Parcel Numb	per, Legal Description, etc.)		
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SECI	ION B - FLOOD INS	URANCE RATE MAP (FIRM	I) INFORMATIO	N
B1. NFIP Community Name & Community N Borough of Point Pleasant 345313		County Name ean		B3. State NJ
B4. Map/Panel Number B5. Suffix 34029C0208/0208 F	B6. FIRM Index Date 09/29/06	B7. FIRM Panel Effective/Revised Date 09/29/06	B8. Flood Zone(s) AE	B9. Base Flood Elevation(s) (Zo AO, use base flood depth) 5
		ase flood depth entered in Item	Ro	



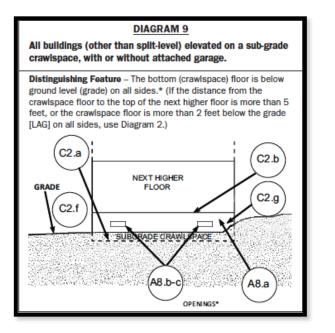
	SECTION C - BUILDING ELEVATION INFORMATION (SURVEY REQUIRED)						
C1.	*A new Elevation Certificate will be required when construction of the building			ished Construction			
C2.	Elevations – Zones A1–A30, AE, AH, A (with BFE), VE, V1–V30, V (with BFE below according to the building diagram specified in Item A7. In Puerto Rico of	only, enter meters.	ar/ah, Ar/a	0, Complete items C2.a-h			
	Benchmark Utilized: Vertical Datur						
	Indicate elevation datum used for the elevations in items a) through h) below. Datum used for building elevations must be the same as that used for the BFI		□ Other/Sourc	¢e:			
			eck the meas	urement used.			
	a) Top of bottom floor (including basement, crawlspace, or enclosure floor)	3.4	🛛 feet	meters			
	b) Top of the next higher floor	8.4	🖾 feet	meters			
	c) Bottom of the lowest horizontal structural member (V Zones only)	N/A	🛛 feet	meters			
	d) Attached garage (top of slab)	<u>N/A</u>	🛛 feet	🖸 meters			
	<ul> <li>e) Lowest elevation of machinery or equipment servicing the building (Describe type of equipment and location in Comments)</li> </ul>	5.7	🔀 feet	[] meters			
	f) Lowest adjacent (finished) grade next to building (LAG)	5.5	🔀 feet	🔲 meters			
	g) Highest adjacent (finished) grade next to building (HAG)	<u>6.3</u>	🖾 feet	meters			
	h) Lowest adjacent grade at lowest elevation of deck or stairs, including struct	tural support 6.0	🛛 feet	meters			

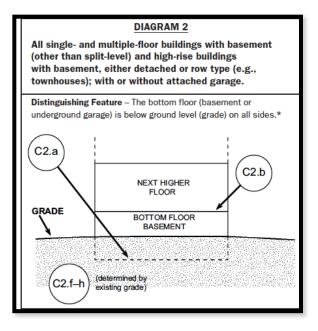


#### Non-Compliance Red Flags 1<sup>st</sup> Sub Grade Space

Diagram 9: lowest rated floor is 3.4 equals -2 through NFIP

Solution: Excavate soil from one wall to bring the LAG down 2.1 feet, or fill





Lowest floor C2.a

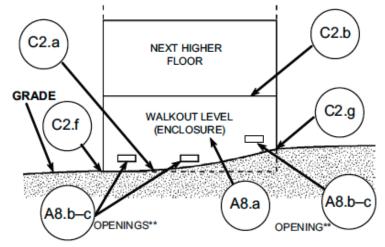


## A Zones

#### DIAGRAM 7

All buildings elevated on full-story foundation walls with a partially or fully enclosed area below the elevated floor. This includes walkout levels, where at least 1 side is at or above grade. The principal use of this building is located in the elevated floors of the building.

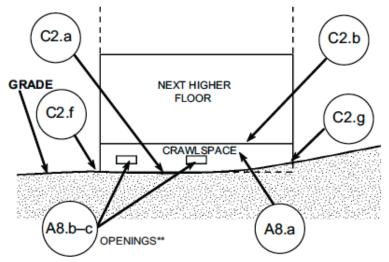
**Distinguishing Feature** – For all zones, the area below the elevated floor is enclosed, either partially or fully. In A Zones, the partially or fully enclosed area below the elevated floor is with or without openings\*\* present in the walls of the enclosure. Indicate information about enclosure size and openings in Section A – Property Information.



#### DIAGRAM 8

All buildings elevated on a crawlspace with the floor of the crawlspace at or above grade on at least 1 side, with or without an attached garage.

**Distinguishing Feature** – For all zones, the area below the first floor is enclosed by solid or partial perimeter walls. In all A zones, the crawlspace is with or without openings\*\* present in the walls of the crawlspace. Indicate information about crawlspace size and openings in Section A – Property Information.



Lowest Floor C2.b



## Flood Vent Compliance 2<sup>nd</sup> Red Flag

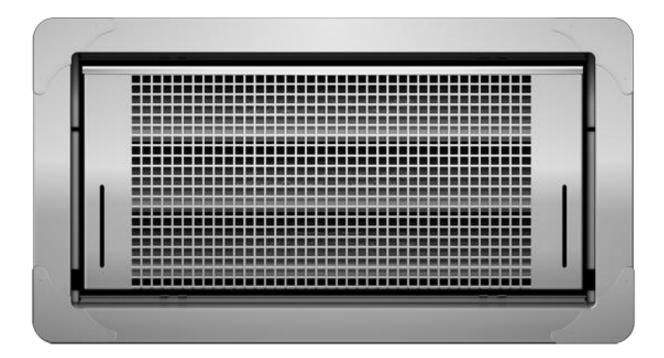
- EC showed 1,210 sq.ft crawlspace
- "0" flood vent coverage
- Lowest floor rating 3.4 feet not 8.4 feet

	For a building with a crawlspace or enclosure(s):					
<ul> <li>a) Square t</li> </ul>	ootage of crawlspace or enclosure(s)	1,210	sq ft			
	of permanent flood openings in the crawlspace					
or enclo	sure(s) within 1.0 foot above adjacent grade	0				
<li>c) Total ne</li>	area of flood openings in A8.b	0	sq in			
d) Enginee	red flood openings? 🗋 Yes 🛛 No					



### **Flood Vent Solution**

• Install (7) 1540-510 model Smart Vents





## Outcome

- Total Cost for Retrofit: \$4,000
- Reduced Premium by 87% \$4,043 \$506
- \$3,537 in savings
- ROI: 14 months



# What is a Flood Vent?

- During a flood event, immense hydrostatic forces are in action.
- Flood ventilation operates under the principle of relieving (rather than resisting) that pressure.
- Relief is required by code, insurance companies, and the principles of good floodplain management.



### TB 1



#### Openings in Foundation Walls and Walls of Enclosures

Below Elevated Buildings in Special Flood Hazard Areas in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program

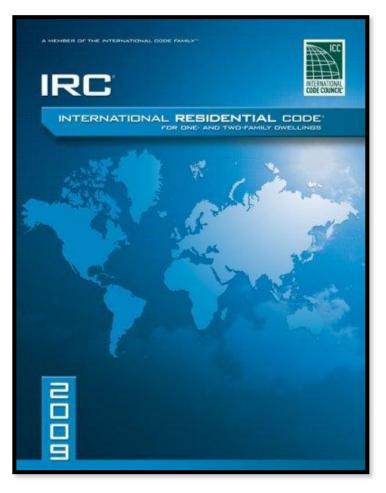
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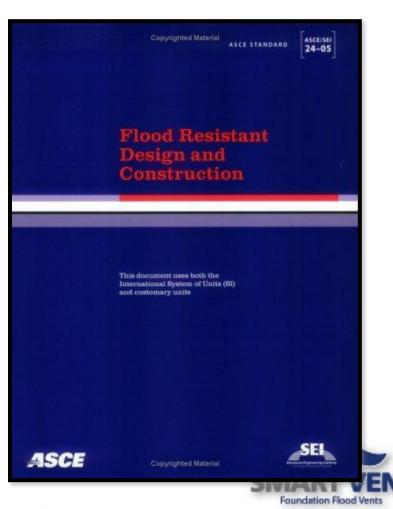


### Flood Vent Codes

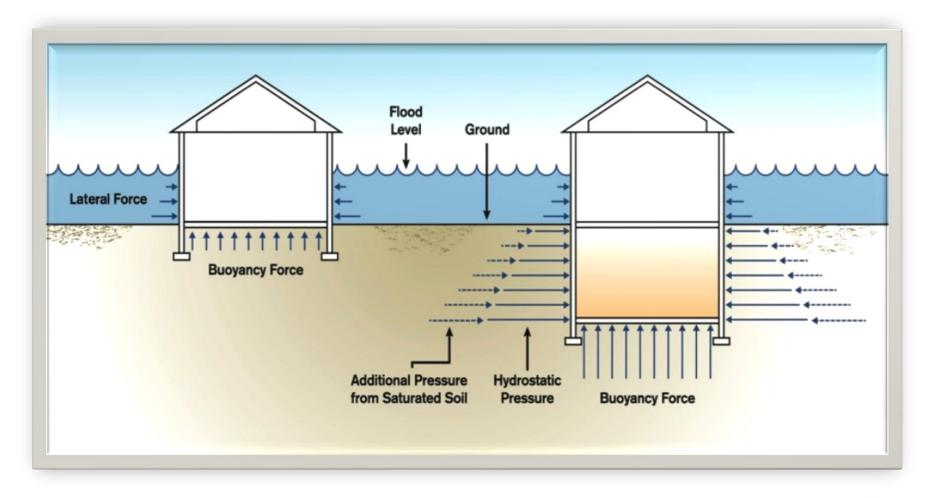
#### IRC & IBC



#### ASCE 24-05



### **Hydrostatic Pressure**





## **The Effects of Hydrostatic Force**









# Crawlspaces





### **Full Height Enclosures**





#### Full Height Enclosures (townhouse)





# **Attached Garages**



#### BFE



# **Detached Accessory**



#### **Flood Vents Installed**



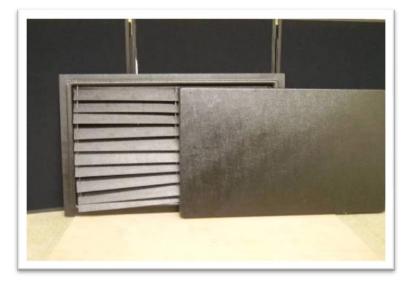
#### **Unacceptable Measures: Non-Engineered Openings**



#### Must be Broken to Comply



Air Vents that open and close with temperature



#### If it has a cover its not compliant



Garage Doors & Entry Do

# **Debris Blockage**





# **Engineered Openings**

- Designed, Tested, & Certified for performance ("engineered")
- No need to measure
- Designed and certified based on computations (TB1 and ASCE 24)
- ICC-ES: AC-364 (AFFV)
- I-Codes & ASCE 24: 3" min dimension



# What is SMART VENT?

 SMART VENT is an ICC-ES certified & FEMA accepted foundation flood vent.







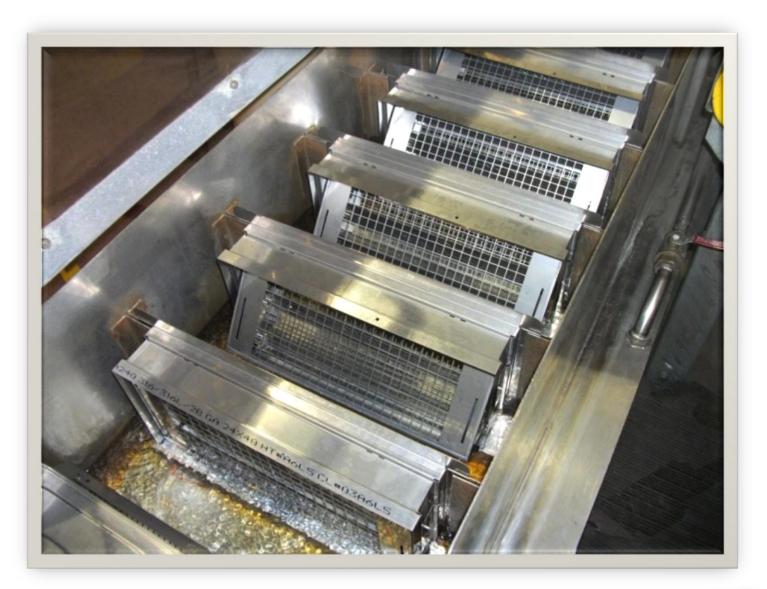
### **ICC-ES** Report







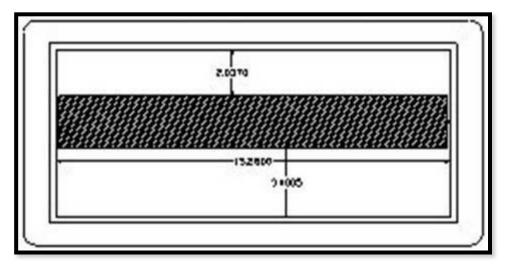




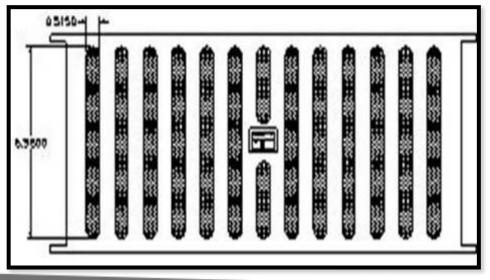


## Engineered Flood Vent vs. a common non-engineered opening

**Ex. of an engineered flood vent:** has 200 sq. feet of rated flood protection.



Most commonly used non-engineered opening: has 40 sq. inches net, if opened and if the screen is removed.

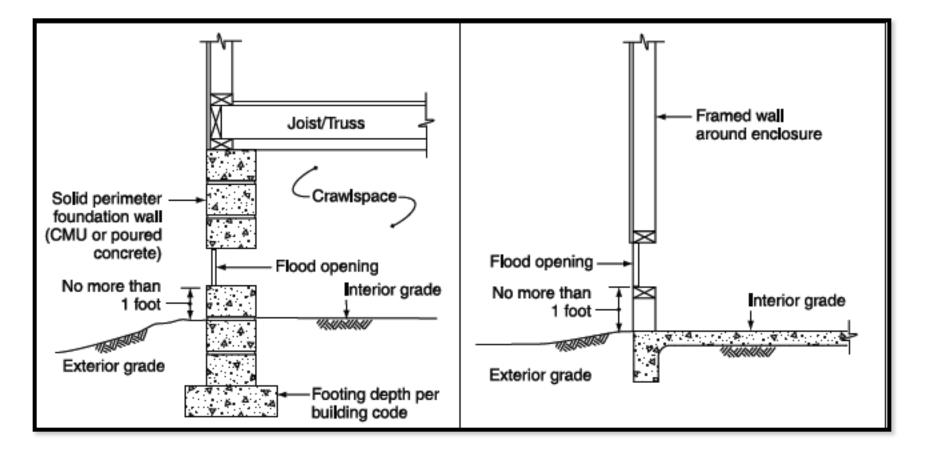


# **Do The Math**

- 1,200 sq. foot crawlspace = (6) engineered
- 1200/40 sq. inches = (30) non-engineered

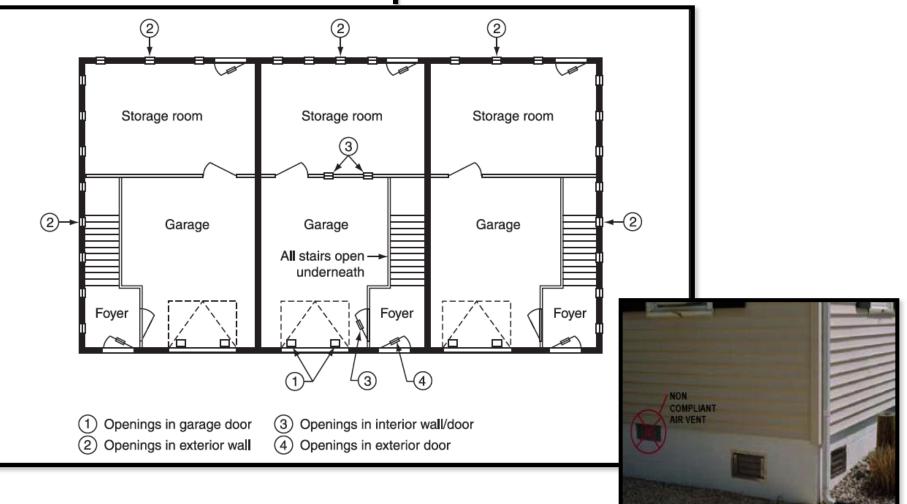


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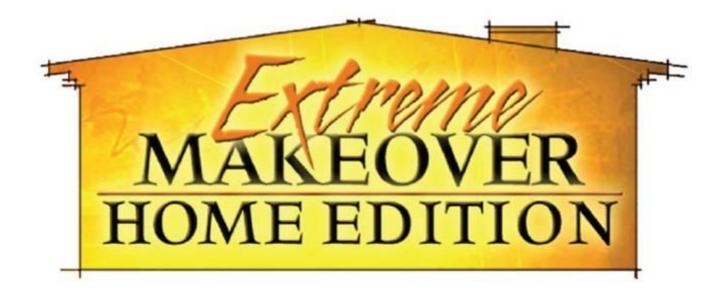




## **Case Studies**

### Case studies

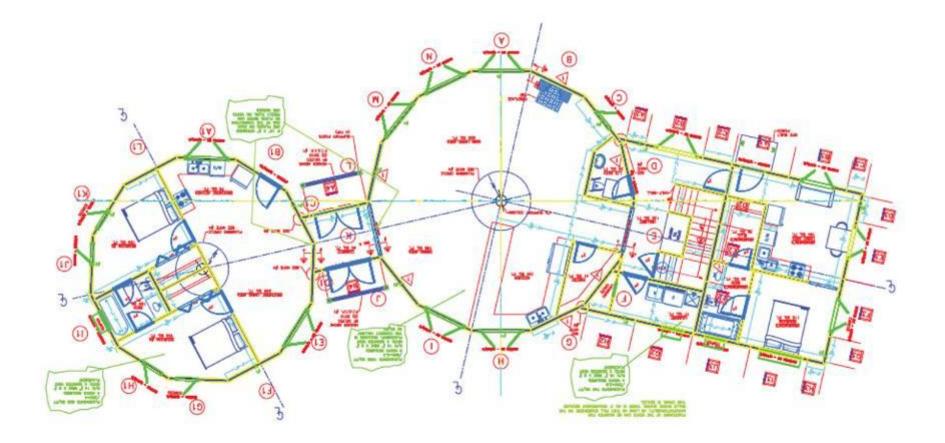
- ➤ New residence, post Katrina, LA
- ➤ New church, post Katrina, LA



## Case Study 1

## **Project:**

- Usea family home, Westwego, LA
- Requirements:
  - ► LEED<sup>®</sup> Platinum certification
  - Sealed crawl space







## **LEED Platinum certification**

- Home energy rating system
  - ► 45% better than conventional new home
  - ➤ Sealed insulated crawl space

LEED for Homes Certification awarded April 23, 20	008
Platinum 🛛	88.5*
Sustainable Sites	17/22
Location & Linkages	10/10
Water Efficiency	8/15
Energy & Atmosphere	24/38
Materials & Resources	8/16
Indoor Environmental Quality	14/21
Innovation & Design	5.5/11
Awareness & Education	2/3

## Sealed insulated crawl space

- NFIP requirements in a floodplain
  - 14 engineered insulated flood vents were installed. An insulated flood vent was the only option to maintain the sealed crawl space design.





	House "A" Residential	
Square ft. enclosed area	2620	
\$ Structure coverage	\$250,000.00	
\$ Contents Coverage	\$100,000.00	
	Annual Flood Insurance Premiiums	% reduction as first floor goes up
	Annual Flood Insurance Premiums	
No Vents 1st flr 4' below BFE	\$12,415.00	
No Vents 1st flr 3' below BFE	\$8,472.00	32%
No Vents 1st flr 2' below BFE	\$6,708.00	21%
No Vents 1st flr 1' below BFE	\$4,849.00	28%
With Vents 1st flr @ BFE	\$1,195.00	75%
With Vents 1st flr 1' ABOVE BFE	\$400.00	67%
	— —	97%

% decrease in premium worst case to best





U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY Federal Emergency Management Agency	ELEVATION CERTIFICA	CMB No. 1660-0008 Expires February 28, 2009
National Flood Insurance Program	Important: Read the instructions on page	Jes 1-8. 08167
	SECTION A - PROPERTY INFORMA	TION For Insurance Company Use:
A1. Building Owner's Name		Policy Number
A2. Building Street Address (including Apt., Unit	, Suite, and/or Bldg. No.) or P.O. Route and Box No.	Company NAIC Number
City OCEAN CITY State NJ ZIP Co		
A3. Property Description (Lot and Block Number	s, Tax Parcel Number, Legal Description, etc.)	
A4. Building Use (e.g., Residential, Non-Resider	ntial, Addition, Accessory, etc.) RESIDENTIAL	
A5. Latitude/Longitude: Lat. N 39° 17' 35.24" L	ong. W 74° 33' 26.56"	Horizontal Datum: 🛛 NAD 1927 🗋 NAD 1983
A6. Attach at least 2 photographs of the building A7. Building Diagram Number <u>8</u>	if the Certificate is being used to obtain flood insura	nce.
A8. For a building with a crawl space or enclosu		ilding with an attached garage, provide:
a) Square footage of crawl space or enclos		are footage of attached garage (495) sq ft
<li>b) No. of permanent flood openings in the opening of the second seco</li>		of permanent flood openings in the attached garage
enclosure(s) walls within 1.0 foot above c) Total net area of flood openings in A8.b		within 1.0 foot above adjacent grade <u>4</u> I net area of flood openings in A9.b <u>140</u> sq in
of Total list area of libba openings in Ao.b	sqiii c/ rota	I net area of flood openings in A9.b 140 sq in

Crawlspace: short 743 sq.in/ft in flood venting protection Garage: short 355 sq.in/ft in flood venting protection



Per The Elevation Certificate this Gable Air Vent only provided 35 sq.in of net open area

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## Cutting Out The Wrong Product For the Job.





After removing the gable vents we discovered they were clogged with debris on the inside. Not noticeable on the outside due to the louvers.

## Installing The Right Product For The Job

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Retrofitted Three 1540-511 (16"x16") Dual Function Flood Vents Into the Crawlspace. Two 1540-521 (16"x16") Insulated Flood Vents Into the Garage. Each vent is ICC-ES Certified to cover 400 sq.ft of enclosed area.





Dry Guys Woodstown, NJ 856-769-9533 www.dryguys.co



- A8. For a building with a crawl space or enclosure(s), provide
  - a) Square footage of crawl space or enclosure(s)
  - b) No. of permanent flood openings in the crawl space or enclosure(s) walls within 1.0 foot above adjacent grade
  - c) Total net area of flood openings in A8.b

<u>1,058</u> sq ft <u>9</u> 315 sq in

A9. F	or a building with an attached garage, prov	vide:	
a	Square footage of attached garage	<u>495</u>	sq ft
b)	No. of permanent flood openings in the	attached g	arage
	walls within 1.0 foot above adjacent grad	de <u>4</u>	
C)	Total net area of flood openings in A9.b	<u>140</u>	sq in

### 1200 sq.ft of protection

800 sq.ft of protection

With the proper flood vents installed the Elevation Certificate will be changed to reflect the correct flood venting protection for the crawlspace and garage.

83% Savings





### Flood Insurance Retrofit Installation Certificate

The Smart Vent Products, Inc. line of ICC-ES Certified Engineered Flood Vents meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program regulations (44 CFR 60.3(c)(5)) and FEMA TB-1, ASCE 24, and all ICC Building codes, provided it is installed according to those references, as summarized below. Flood openings are required in enclosures below the Base Flood Elevation, attached and detached garages, and accessory structures that meet the required limitations.

I do herby certify that the SMART VENT® Foundation Flood Vents were installed in accordance with ICC ESR-2074, the manufacturer's instructions and the Installation Limitations and Instructions below:

- Enclosed areas below otherwise elevated buildings, non-elevated attached and detached garages, and certain nonelevated accessory structures located in flood hazard areas are to be used solely for parking of vehicles, building access or low value storage.
- 2. Each enclosed area shall have at least 2 flood openings, installed on different sides of the enclosed area.
- The bottom of the flood opening shall be no more than one foot above the adjacent finished grade level. Installation must comply with manufacturer's instructions.
- 4. Attach this certificate to a copy of the Smart Vent ICC-ESR 2074 Certification.

	INSTALLER INFORMATION	
	Company Address	
Company Name	Contact Name	Contact Phone #
Contact Email	Contracto	r License Number

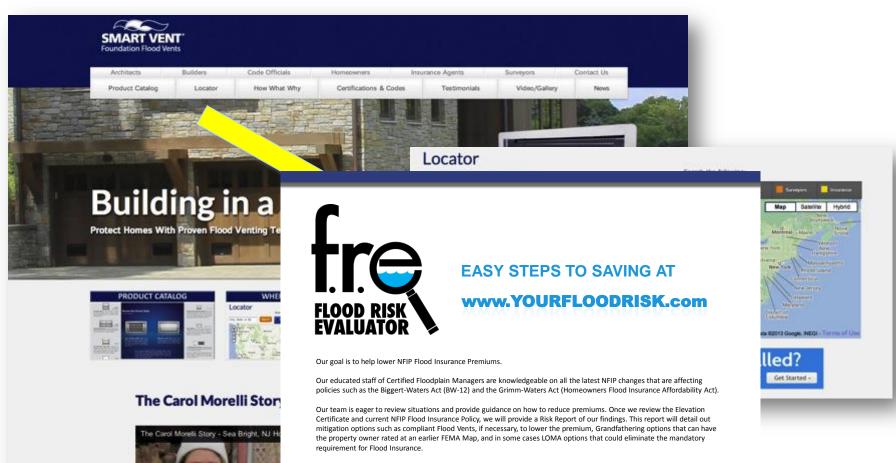
SMART VENT® INSTALLATION INFORMATION				
# of vents	Model #	Date Installed	Area of Installation	Total sq. fL of protection

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Γ	HOMEOWNER INFORMATION		
	Property Address		
	Homeowner Name	•	Homeowner Phone Number



## **Resources Here to Help You**

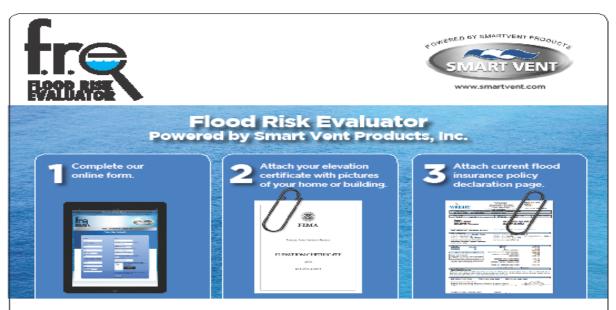


In addition, we will work with your current Insurance Agent or one of our preferred Agency Partners to provide you with a Flood Insurance Quote based on our recommended solutions.





## www.smartvent.com



#### What is the Flood Risk Evaluator?

Here at F.R.E. our goal is to help you to lower your NFIP Flood Insurance Premium. Our educated staff of Certified Floodplain Managers are knowledgeable on all the latest NFIP changes that are affecting your policy such as the Biggert-Waters Act (BW-12) and the Grimm-Waters Act (Homeowners Flood Insurance Affordability Act).

Our team is eager to review your current situation and provide guidance on how to reduce your flood insurance premium. Once we review your Elevation Certificate and current NFIP Flood Insurance Policy we will provide you with a report of our findings. This report will detail out mitigation options such as Flood Vents to lower your premium, grandfathering options that can have you rated at an earlier FEMA Map, and in some cases LOMA options that could eliminate the mandatory requirement for Flood Insurance.

#### Our Customers Experience An 83% Average Decrease Off Their Flood Premium

In addition, we will work with your current Insurance Agent or one of our preferred Agency Partners to provide you with a Flood Insurance Quote based on our recommended solutions.

#### Get Started Today visit www.yourfloodrisk.com

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	E-Mail To: ec@smartvent.com	<b>C</b>
	Owner's Information	
Name:	Phone:	
Address:		FLOOD RISK
E-Mail:	Project:	EVALUATOR
Flood Zone	Base Flood Elevation	
	Enclosure/Crawlspace Information	
1) Square Footag	e of Enclosure	
2) Amount of Per	manent Flood Openings within 1 foot above adjacent grade	e
3) Total Net Area	of Permanent Flood Openings (Sq Ft)	
	GARAGE INFORMATION	
1) Square Footag	e of Garage	
2) Amount of Per	manent Flood Openings within 1 foot above adjacent grade	e
3) Total Net Area	of Permanent Flood Openings (Sq Ft)	
	<b>Elevator Information</b>	
1) Are There Elev	vators that Travel Below the BFE?	Yes No
2) Are The Eleva	tors Wet or Dry Floodproofed?	Wet Dry
		odproofing Certificate
	<i>If Wet,</i> Building Elevation Information	Show Details on Plan.
1) D 6.1		
,	Lowest Enclosed Area	
2) Top of the Nex	2	
<ol><li>Lowest Elevati</li></ol>	ion of Garage Area	
4) Lowest Level o	of Machinery (Including Heating, AC, Pluming, Electrical)	
5) Lowest Outsid	e Ground Level Adjacent to Enclosed Area (LAG)	
N	Your Information	_
NAME:	E-MAIL:	QUESTIONS?



## Summary: Flood Vent Code

- Minimum of two openings on different walls
- Bottom of opening no more than one foot above adjacent grade
- Openings must be 3" in diameter or larger
- Must automatically allow water in and out, without human intervention.



