

# Flood Insurance

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- http://www.fax.por/ecological-services/habital-
- · http://www.koase.gov/thaladex-pi/97/34K.pdf



#### **Flood Insurance Rate Map**

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  development within CBRA's. FEMA limits NFIP-endorsed flood insurance in these
  areas in terms of the amount of improvements that can be made to any of the
  buildings.
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- http://www.fws.gov/ecological-services/habitatconservation/cbra/Act/index.html
- · http://uscode.house.gov/statutes/pl/97/348.pdf





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# Next Steps

- Superintendent Nersesian, in consultation with US Fish and Wildlife Service, will submit to FEMA a letter certifying the historic classification of the Fort Hancock and Sandy Hook Historic Proving Ground and National Historic Landmark District.
- The proposed use of these buildings is consistent with the NPS mission to preserve historically significant structures.
- The proposed Improvements to the historic structures will not devalue or otherwise impact their status as Historic Structures.



# NFIP Rates

- In terms of annual policy costs, there is a considerable amount of variability. That variability is largely dependent upon the amount and types of coverage, deductibles, and where in the building the tenant will be storing their inventory and contents.
- NFIP rates may range on average between \$2,000-\$10,000 per year.

- Non-
- \$250
- \$10k
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## Sample Policy

- Non-residential business use on Officer's Row
- \$250k structural coverage, \$100k contents,
- \$10k deductible.
- Policy estimate \$6,100 per year.

