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BEFORE Sandy (March 18, 2007)

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AFTER Sandy (October 31, 2012)
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Under the Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, You Could Save More than $90,000 over 10 Years if You Build 3 Feet above Base Flood Elevation*

**PREMIUM AT 4 FEET BELOW BASE FLOOD ELEVATION**

$9,500/year  
$95,000/10 years

**PREMIUM AT BASE FLOOD ELEVATION**

$1,410/year  
$14,100/10 years

**PREMIUM AT 3 FEET ABOVE BASE FLOOD ELEVATION**

$427/year  
$4,270/10 years

*$250,000 building coverage only (does not include contents), AE (high to moderate risk) zone, single-family, one-story structure without a basement at: 4 feet below Base Flood Elevation (BFE); at BFE; and at 3 feet above BFE. (Rating per FEMA flood insurance manual, October 1, 2012). The illustration above is based on a standard National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) deductible.
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The U.S. national flood policy is essentially one of:

- Protecting the occupants of the floodplain against floods;
- Aiding them when they suffer flood losses, and
- To encourage more intensive use of floodplains

Has it changed in 70 years?
Principles for Managing Coastal Risk and Resources

1. Those who live or develop at risk pay for the risk
2. Hazards insurance is actuarial
3. Insurance subsidy for low income is done with tax dollars—means tested, not through the insurance
4. No development in community should adversely impact other properties. Mitigate impacts before development occurs—No Adverse Impact (NAI)
5. Utilize and integrate natural systems into managing coastal risk